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Lawyers' Guild for Ct. Changes
WASHINGTON—Support of the National Law-
yers' Guild was thrown to President Roosevelt's
Supreme Court reform program recently at a se-
ries of dinners in fourteen large cities all over the
country.

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SEAMEN IN NEW STRIDE TO NATIONAL UNITY

Basques In Offensive to Break Siege

Trotskyist Counter-Revolutionaries are Ex-
pelled From C.G.T. as Result of
Attempted Barcelona 'Putsch'

MADRID—With new tokens of support coming in from
all parts of the world following the fascists' mass murder of
the civilian population of the Basque Autonomous Republic
and the devastation of the holy city of Guernica, the Spanish
People's Front government prepared here for a new offensive

against the invaders' lines about
the capital.

Meanwhile the Basque people,
with boatloads of their wives
and children moving to safety in
France, launched a counter-at-
tack against the fascists, captured
two strategic hills to the
southeast of Bilbao, and prepared
thousands of new troops for the
deathless defense of the city.

Takes Command

Jose de Guire, president of
the Basque Republic, assumed
direction of the defense as com-
mander-in-chief.

In Catalonia the powerful Gen-
eral Confederation of Workers
expelled from its ranks all lead-
ers of the POUM, Trotskyist
"Workers' Party of Marxist Uni-
ty," which had incited a revolt
of a small group of Anarchists
in Barcelona.

Trotskyists had incited the re-
volt by a continuation of their
argument that "we may win the
war and lose the revolution,"
doing the fascists' work behind
the lines when every effort is
being made to unite the Spanish
people against the fascist invad-
ers.

Well Founded

Charges of Spanish Foreign
Minister Julio Alvarez del Vayo,
made in Paris, that Germany
and Italy soon will renew their
pressure on Spain, were shown
as well founded when several
thousand more Italian regular
soldiers were landed at Bermeo,
17 miles northeast of Bilbao.

In the same statement, del
Vayo declared that the Loyalists'
political and military situation is
becoming better every day, that
Bilbao will not fall, and that
destruction of Guernica and the
fascist slaughter of civilians and
the devastation of Guernica has
proved a boomerang.

Italian troops from Malaga
who attempted an offensive near
Almeria, were repulsed in the
only severe fighting outside of
Bilbao in the past few days.

Every attempt to relieve the
stranded garrison of 300 fascists
in University City on the out-
skirts of Madrid has failed, the
government announced. Both at
Almeria and in a recent attempt
to relieve the University City
garrison, the government cap-
tured supplies and war material.

MACHINE GUNS MOUNTED IN HAWAII STRIKE

600 Irrigation Men
Join 3000 in Sugar
Field Walkout

HONOLULU—The great strike of
Maui Island sugar cane plan-
tation workers is spreading from
day to day. The 2000 strikers
of Camps 2, 3 and 5 of the
Alexander-Baldwin Co. appeal-
ed for a sympathy walkout by
the irrigation men and other
field laborers of the Puunene
plantations.

More than 600 of the unskilled
field laborers then walked out
in protest against the companies'
refusal to meet with the strik-
ers' negotiating committee.

Relief committees have been
set in motion and a tour of all
stores for food and other aid
is being made.

Signs had been placed in doors
of company stores, reading
"Closed to Strikers."

Machine guns have been placed
on top of the mills over-
looking the government roads.
WPA workers have been forced
to scab. More than 150 armed
guards are watching over the
100 scabs in the cane fields.

Members of the crew of the
"Golden Cloud" spoke at a mass
meeting of 1500 strikers in
Camp 3. They assured support
by the maritime workers and do-
nated to feed the strikers. Pledg-
es of more donations have come
from the Hilo longshoremen.

WPA JOB CUTS
WASHINGTON—WPA Admin-
istrator Hopkins admitted 300-
000 workers would lose jobs on
WPA under the \$1,500,000,000
appropriation for relief for the
1938 fiscal year.

The Circulation Drive

Alameda Comrades Hitting Fast Pace!

"Meet the Champ!"

With the Western Worker Circulation Drive under way just
a few weeks, it's a little early to be crowning champions, but the
Alameda Unit of the Communist Party has already proved itself
to be "the Champ." Not only have the comrades of this unit gone
way over the top of their subscription quota, originally 15 new
readers, but they have recruited four subscribers to the Commu-
nist Party. And they say they will get more subs than all other
East Oakland Section units put together, by July 4th!

This unit will also engage in Socialist competition with any
other unit in the state. So far it's the champion unit, but there's
plenty of time left for other units to challenge and to de-throne
this champion. And this unit will be glad if it is dethroned, be-
cause it knows it will have to be a real driving unit, or units, to
do the job; and it wants the most subscriptions possible to the
"Western" throughout the state.

Alameda County, as a whole, is also leading in the state-wide
drive.

How did this unit "go to town" in the sub drive? Simply by
going out to the workers, introducing them to the "Western," and
then getting their names on the dotted lines of sub blanks. Any
unit can do the same. Who is taking up the Alameda comrades'
challenge? We're waiting to hear!

(See Page 6 for Drive News from San Francisco.)

Fighting Fascism in U. S. and in Spain



ILGWU BACKS COURT CHANGE

Powerful Body Okehs
Plan at Convention

(More on ILGWU Convention
on Page 2)

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—The
International Ladies' Garment
Workers Union enthusiastically
supports the president's propo-
sals to reform the supreme court
because as a labor union we
have felt the force of the reac-
tionary decisions of the supreme
court descending upon our heads
and stopping every attempt for
social and labor legislation which
interfered with the property in-
terests of the financial and in-
dustrial powers of the country.

This declaration was made by
ILGWU President David Dubin-
sky to the 23rd annual con-
vention of the union at Con-
vention Hall here.

At the same time he declared
that the union "today, more than
ever before, stands ready to sup-
port a movement for an inde-
pendent national political party
of labor."

His announcement of this stand
immediately followed his enun-
ciation of the union's policy for
independent political action and
his emphasis on the importance
of Labor's Non-Partisan League
and the American Labor Party
in New York.

In the same address Dubinsky
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At the Dead-Line

OAKLAND—Three small chil-
dren of a cannery worker, Ar-
nold Doby, were burned and suf-
focated to death in the explosion
of an oil stove at 2638 77th Ave.
Monday. The dead are David,
3; Paul, 2; Gerald, 5.

FILM BOYCOTT ASKED

HOLLYWOOD—Labor sym-
patizers throughout the nation
have been asked by the Feder-
ated Motion Picture Crafts to
boycott films of all major pro-
ducers affected by the strike of
3000 studio workers. Picketing
of movie theaters in major cit-
ies has been asked.

CHARTER DUAL COUNCIL

OAKLAND—No surprise was
occasioned by the quick arrival
Monday of a charter for the
dual Alameda Central Labor
Council, sent by William Green.
The charter restoration commit-
tee of the real labor council
meanwhile prepared court action

DOUGLAS STRIKERS' TRIAL

SANTA MONICA—Trial of
294 Douglas aircraft strikers, ar-
rested in the recent CIO-led sit-
down, begins Wednesday. The
assembly hall of the state build-
ing in Los Angeles will be the
scene of the trial since no court
room is large enough.

SENATE TRUE TO FORM

SACRAMENTO—True to reac-
tionary form, the State Senate
Monday voted 28 to 6 not to
bring the Yorty "Little Wagner"
Bill to the floor. The Assembly
had passed the bill.

Aged 80, Yet Face Streets

2 Mexican Brothers
Face Loss of Home

OROVILLE (Butte County)—
Augustin Garcia, 84, and his
brother Jose, 80, have lived in
their humble little house for
40 years. The brothers are Mex-
icans. The interior of the little
home is decorated with hand-
carved friezes and colorful mur-
als, the work of the brothers
themselves.

Fire chief Bradley has con-
demned the little home as a
"hazard." The aged brothers face
the streets. Mexican Consul
Padres of San Francisco has come
to help the brothers in saving
their home.

Crew Assails the Guffey-Bland Bill

SAN FRANCISCO—With hear-
ings on the anti-labor Guffey-
Bland Ship Labor Act set for
May 25 in Washington, the crew
of the Panama-Pacific liner Cal-
ifornia has adopted a resolution
condemning the bill.

Pressure on Congressmen and
Senators is essential if the bill
is to be defeated. The bill
would not only hog-tie the mar-
itime unions, but would be used
as a precedent against all unions.

FAKE SALINAS UNION

SALINAS—Formation of the
Independent Fruit and Vegetable
Workers Assn. was seen here as
company union move, although
the Growers and Shippers Assn.
professed to know nothing of the
new outfit. Labor Board hear-
ings on the 1936 strike resumed
Monday with Art Sbrana of the
Ice Knit Packing Co. among
those on the stand. Sbrana told
of being forced by other grow-
ers to fire 18 union members
earlier in the year.

A GAY EVENING FOR LINCOLN BOYS

"March of the Spanish Provinces" at Fiesta

SAN FRANCISCO—The real
people's Spain—plenty of color
—will feature the Spanish Fiesta
Friday night, May 14, at Trianon
Ballroom, 1268 Sutter St.

The Fiesta will do honor to
the brave Lincoln Battalion—
the American boys fighting for
Spanish democracy in the ranks
of the loyalist armies.

SF GRAFT STILL RIDING HIGH Fine for Parade!

Sutter Ordinance is
Most Vicious

YUBA CITY (Sutter County)
—Fearing the growing discontent
of agricultural labor here, the
Sutter County Board of Sup-
ervisors supplemented the trans-
fer of \$1000 to the general fund
for use against strikes, with the
adoption of an anti-picketing or-
dinance. The law becomes ef-
fective in 30 days.

Meanwhile organized labor and
general progressive pressure can
force the supervisors to recon-
sider their action. Parades "hav-
ing an ulterior motive," "sed-
itious utterances," or urging work-
ers to strike are also made
crimes under the vicious ordi-
nance. A \$500 fine or 6 months
imprisonment, or both are pen-
alties.

C. S. Appeal Date Set for June 9

SACRAMENTO—Rushing of
immediate demands of labor and
people's organizations, and in-
dividuals, that the conviction of
the seven Sacramento victims of
the Criminal Syndicalism Act
be reversed, was urged by the
International Labor Defense as
the date of June 9 was set for
hearing on the appeal in the
3rd District Court of Appeals
here.

Pat Chambers, Martin Wilson,
Nora Conklin, Caroline Decker,
Albert Hougardy, Jack Crane
and Lorine Norman are the ap-
pealing defendants. Four of them
will appear to defend themselves
and Leo Gallagher, famed labor
attorney, will speak for the
others.

Natl. Maritime Union in Big East Victories

ILA Pacific Coast Convention Takes Up
CIO Question, Independent Political
Action for Organized Labor

SEATTLE—The 124 delegates representing 74 locals at the ILA
Pacific Coast District convention were expected shortly to act on
the important question of continued and staunch support to the
CIO, and the question of the ILA and independent political action
by labor.

Harry Bridges told the con-
vention of the successes of the
Washington Commonwealth Fed-
eration in illustrating the need
for labor to participate in poli-
tics. Support of the Supreme
Court reforms, condemnation of
the Hill-Sheppard war mobili-
zation bill, are among other po-
litical questions before the con-
vention.

NEW YORK—Within twenty
four hours after its formation
the new National Maritime Un-
ion gained recognition from the
big United Fruit Lines, Inc., that
company's 80 vessels. Recogni-
tion was won after a strike on
five ships.

The New England Steamship
Lines also recognized the Na-
tional Maritime Union. A mem-
bership meeting, the first of a
series of ratification meetings on
the East and Gulf Coasts, en-
thusiastically approved formation
of the new union. Crews of Grace,
International Mercantile, and
other ships attended.

NEW YORK—The new Na-
tional Maritime Union will embrace
members of the Steward and
Deck departments of East and
Gulf Coast ships, but is not in-
tended as a national union, its
leaders state. The membership
of the marine firemen's union
on the East Coast has endorsed
the decision of the Cooks and
Sailors trustees.

The policy remains as has been
established by the rank and file
seamen, the National Maritime
Union leaders state—the estab-
lishment of a united seamen's
union on a nationally united
scale, democratically adminis-
tered by the rank and file.

For Democratic Rights
The trustees of the Marine
Cooks and Stewards Union of
the Atlantic and Gulf and of
the Eastern and Gulf Sailors
Assn. have submitted a joint re-
port on the efforts to obtain the
democratic rights of the mem-
bership and to secure elections
which will determine who are
the collective bargaining agents
of the seamen of the East and
Gulf Coasts.

The report points out that
many of the most important
shipping companies have recog-
nized the emergency officials
who were elected by the rank
and file, and in fact, some of
the big companies are now hiring
through the Union Halls.

The payment of dues, they
state, leaves no doubt that the
great majority of the member-
ship of the unions consider the
trustees and other emergency
officials as their duly elected
representatives. The trustees
further point out that they, with
the rank and file who elected
them, have always said that
these questions could best be
settled by honest elections under
neutral auspices, and that they
have tried to reach agreement
with the ISU and AFL officials
on this. The latter, however,
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ASK AFL TO BOYCOTT FILM PRODUCERS

A Council Acts; ILA
Halts Sea Pictures

HOLLYWOOD—Los Angeles
organized labor has thrown its
weight behind the strike of the
Federated Motion Picture Crafts
against nine major film studios.
Delegates to the Los Angeles
Central Labor Council have vot-
ed to support the strike and to
place the struck studios on the
unfair list. Almost unanimou-
sly, the delegates last Friday
night passed a resolution to con-
demn the International Alliance
of Theatrical Stage Employees for
strikebreaking activities in aid-
ing the producers by signing up
scabs and sending them through
picket lines with a union card.

Ask AFL Boycott
A list of the unfair studios,
including Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer
Columbia, Warner Bros., Para-
mount, RKO, 20th Century-Fox,
(Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

Back to Original Hotel Demands

SAN FRANCISCO—Pressure
of the rank and file has made
itself felt, and as a result hotel
strike leaders have gone back
to the original demands, which
include hiring halls and full recog-
nition.

Three Class B Hotels—the Al-
cane, Crystal and Virginia,
which were not struck, have
granted the union hiring hall.

The 16 leading San Francisco
hotels remain tied up.
The California State Commis-
sion of the Communist Party, in
session last Sunday, sent the
hotel strikers the following tele-
gram of greeting:

Chairman Hotel Strikers,
Bartender's Hall,
1623 Market St.,
San Francisco, Calif.
The State Committee of the
Communist Party meeting today
greet the Hotel Workers' fight
to achieve better conditions and
standards of living, and pledges
moral and active support of our
entire membership. Our paper,
the Western Worker, carried and
will continue to carry your just
demands. Our paper at your
disposal in presenting your
cause before workers in San
Francisco.
Anita Whitney, State Chairman.

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CHARTER RESTORATION COMM. IN EAST BAY BLASTS THE NEW 'COUNCIL' AS A SPURIOUS ONE

Calls Watson's Bluff on Statements Which Claim Unions Are for His Plans; Move For Charter Restoration Pushed

OAKLAND—The Charter Restoration Committee of the Central Labor Council of Alameda County has issued the following statement as it prepared to present arguments in superior court Tuesday for restoration of the council's charter and to enjoin organization of a new council.

"Rowland Watson, American Federation of Labor representative, has announced in the press that 26 Alameda county unions have applied for membership in a new labor council. However, Watson does not identify these unions.

Represents 70 Delegates
"The Charter Restoration Committee is in regular contact with more than half of the delegates to the labor council and direct representatives more than 70 of these delegates from 37 unions.
"Not one of these unions—nor the many others whose activities are known to us—has applied for membership in the new council—at least not with the authorization of the rank and file.

"No announcement has been made that the membership of any union has voted to affiliate with a new council. In fact, none of the unions has received any official notification that the charter of the regular council has been revoked.
"Watson also has announced that not only unions affiliated with the CIO will be barred from his new council, but also those unions with leanings toward the CIO. This committee is curious to know what powers of mind-reading and divination Watson intends to use to determine such leanings."

"The procedure adopted by Watson throughout this dispute has been in outright defiance of all democratic principles. Rights of the delegates and rank and file members of unions have been utterly disregarded.

"Latest group to adopt a resolution against 'labor-splitting' and to ask President William Green to restore the charter of the executive council of the Northern California Newspaper Guild, which took this action at its regular meeting Wednesday in San Francisco. The Guild has two delegates in the Alameda County Labor Council."

Robert Moore is chairman of the committee and Victor R. Jewett is secretary.

VALLEJO—The Central Labor Council here went on record last Friday night protesting the actions of AFL organizer Roland Watson in revoking the Alameda Labor Council charter. A letter was sent to William Green notifying him of this. A motion to file the resolution was lost.

SHAW FORGETS HIS PROMISES

Ignores Them in Post-Election Statement

LOS ANGELES — Ignoring completely the pressing problems of labor, civil rights, and unemployment, Mayor Frank L. Shaw, re-elected by a narrow margin last week in the municipal elections, outlines in a post-election statement, an 8-point program to be carried out in the next four years.

Though his election was won on the basis of such demagogic slogans as "Labor's Friend" and "Every Promise Fulfilled," Mayor Shaw discussed in his statement only such things as "a traffic safety commission," "creation of a civic center worthy of this metropolitan area," and "expansion of our health department program."

During his election campaign, observers recall, Mayor Shaw paid particular attention to the constitutional rights of free speech, free press, and free assembly.

In one of his campaign folders, it was stated that during Shaw's administration, "free speech zones have been established, where citizens may express themselves at will without police interference and without impeding the flow of city traffic. The right of assembly has been protected by an order prohibiting the raiding of meeting halls."

Such fundamental rights of the citizens of Los Angeles were not mentioned in Mayor Shaw's post-election statement. Instead, he promised to the city "A constitutional campaign for our fair share of gasoline tax and automobile license fees."

During his campaign, when it was important to win votes, Mayor Shaw's campaign literature stated that "In labor disputes the police department has merely enforced the law, protecting the lives and property of employers and employees impartially."

After his election, Shaw offered no plan for the guaranteeing to labor of its rights to strike, picket and bargain collectively.

Neil Hitler? Go Lay an Egg!



ANTI-FASCIST YOUTH in New York observed the Fuehrer's 48th birthday by picketing the Nazi consulate with live chickens and satirizing Adolf's latest decree that hens must lay more eggs.

AIM AT FUND OF \$10,000, AGRICULTURE

Federation Tells of Its Plans

SAN FRANCISCO—Calling on unions to aid its work with funds, the newly-elected executive committee of the California Cannery and Agricultural Federation, launched at the recent Bakersfield conference, assures that in no sense is the Federation of dual union, since it is composed mainly of AFL federal-chartered unions, together with independent unions, which wish to join the AFL.

Its constitution preamble plainly points this out.
The Federation, a cross section of all unions in the agricultural and cannery field, will be a clearing house for information concerning wage scales and working conditions and will be in a position to furnish any union or central labor body with facts on which they can base agreements with employers.

The Bakersfield conference voted to have the federation gather this material and draw up model agreements for the use of unions and Central Labor bodies when they negotiate agreements with the canners, grocers and processors.

The federation will also satisfy the demand for a state-wide button so that workers moving from one locality to another can be identified as union members.

Funds Essential
While assessing all affiliated unions for a month on their membership to maintain a central office and put organizers in the field, the executive committee understands that most of the unions comprising the federation, many of them on strike, are too poor to bring in enough money to get the program launched.

An appeal for funds from unions well established in the labor movement was authorized by the executive at its first meeting and a speakers' bureau to be present when the appeal is read will be formed.

In this way the federation will guard against misstatement as to its purpose and policy and will have representatives on hand to answer questions.
Aim at \$10,000 Fund
The executive committee hopes to build up a fund of \$10,000 which will maintain a paid executive secretary, and two organizers.

The organizers will work in cooperation with existing unions and central labor bodies, throwing their strength where drives are under way and where thousands of seasonal workers come in to harvest crops.

Organizers will be chosen in consultation with the unions and will be agricultural or cannery workers, familiar with the industry.

Let Readers Hear From California Fighters in Spain
Many Californians are receiving letters from their California friends and relatives who are in the ranks of the Lincoln Battalion in Spain, fighting against fascism.

Let others hear from them! Send these letters or copies of them to the Western Worker where they will be published.

Let the voices of California fighters speak from the front in Spain—through the columns of the Western Worker.
Personal matters can of course be eliminated, and only initials used as signatures.

Welcome Back to YCL Delegation

SAN FRANCISCO — Welcoming back its delegation to the national convention, the Young Communist League will give a reception in the form of a dinner at Canton Low, 708 Grant Avenue, Friday evening, May 14, at 7:15 o'clock.

The evening's program will include adjournment en masse to the fiesta and dance being given the same evening for the Lincoln Battalion in Spain at Trilcon Ballroom, 1288 Sutter street.

Frank Carlson, state secretary of the YCL and one of the returning delegates, will be the principal speaker.

Reservations, at 55 cents per plate, must be made by May 11 at 121 Haight street, phone HE 9467.

WHITHER IS HE DRIFTING?

A Question for John Shelley to Answer

SAN FRANCISCO — Elected Labor Council president as a progressive John F. Shelley, in an attack on the CIO last Friday night, seemed to have come dangerously close to playing ball with those who do not stand for the best in the trade union movement.

Shelley's blast at the CIO came in a report made by him on the CIO Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers of "attempts to disrupt AFL organization work" by the Federal Can Workers local 20-273. Actually, the Amalgamated, which has always, in its over 70 years of existence had jurisdiction over can factories, in the San Francisco case plans to leave it to the can workers as to whether they wish to remain in the federal local or join the Amalgamated.

Part of Steel Trust
The can companies are part of the Steel Trust, as Shelley himself has stated in reports. The CIO Amalgamated has organized over 350,000 of the 500,000 steel workers of the nation. Shelley reported the CIO union gave these workers literature advocating industrial organization, which is something Shelley himself has claimed to advocate.
"If that is the method the CIO men are using, I want to go on record as saying they are not going to disrupt this town."

Lester D. Smith, Auto Mechanics business agent, made the scabby statement that "our organization will not recognize CIO picket lines." Smith has been hot under the collar because the CIO United Automobile Workers have set out to organize men in auto parts works, over which the UAW has had jurisdiction since its existence, in and out of the AFL.

Smith charged the UAW offered a 75-cents an hour scale while the Mechanics scale is \$1. Actually, the Mechanics officials are allowing chiselling all over the town on the scale, and the UAW spoke of a 75 cents scale only for general work around the shops, not for mechanics. Had Smith cooperated, the UAW could have gotten a really high scale.

WAREHOUSE STRIKE WON IN EUREKA
EUREKA (Humboldt County)—Waterfront warehousemen, ILA members, are back at work, having won a 70 cents an hour wage scale through their strike. Four warehouses were closed in the strike. A 44-hour week was also won.

SEAMEN IN NATIONAL UNITY MOVE

Head Toward Natl. Convention of All Seamen

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have consistently refused to grant honest elections and have blocked such a proceeding under National Labor Relations Board auspices.

As recently as April 28, the ISU officials blocked such elections with the excuse that they required more time. The emergency officials are now confronted with an injunction granted the reactionary former officials, which makes it impossible for the rank and file to express its will in unions arbitrarily controlled by reactionaries whom the rank and file removed for illegals in office.

All this made it essential, if the rank and file was to hold its gains, and if a powerful rank and file union was to be had, that an organization be created through which the membership can democratically decide how the unions shall be conducted and who shall represent the men.

To achieve this, the trustees submitted a resolution by which the East and Gulf Sailors and Stewards constituted themselves into the National Maritime Union.

The resolution empowered the rank and file emergency officials to continue to represent the membership as provisional officers of the National Maritime Union until new elections are held; to proceed at once to petition the National Labor Relations Board to conduct elections which would establish the National Maritime Union as sole collective bargaining agency for the Atlantic and Gulf Stewards and Deck department.

Under the resolution, in the event that such elections show the National Maritime Union as sole collective bargaining agency, the provisional officers stand instructed to propose to all other seafaring unions on the East, Gulf and West Coasts that a national unity convention of seamen be convened, the delegates to be democratically elected by the membership of the respective unions. The convention would adopt a national constitution which must meet with the approval of the members of all district unions. The convention would then also unite the unions into one national organization, elect permanent officers for the national organization, and consider the question of affiliating with the CIO.

West Coast Cooks and Firemen
SAN FRANCISCO—The Marine Cooks and Stewards, meeting last Thursday, voted to notify the international officials that the union will not attend the ISU conference arranged by Ivan Hunter for Chicago on May 1. Taking this position because the ISU officials refused to consider the East Coast Seamen's demands, the Cooks further voted to send the East Coast a full report on what transpired at the Los Angeles meeting last Monday between Hunter, Lundberg and other West Coast officials.

The Cooks further reaffirmed their support of the East Coast rank and file.
The Marine Firemen at the same time voted not to attend the Chicago conference if the East Coast rank and file are not represented, and to recognize only the National Maritime Union as representative of the East and Gulf seamen.

ILGW Meet Cheers Spain Ambassador
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—In a moving tribute which expressed their overwhelming sympathy for the Spanish people, hundreds of delegates and visitors at the 23rd convention of the Intl. Ladies Garment Workers Union arose as one at the entrance of Fernando de los Rios, Spanish ambassador, and greeted him with a tumultuous ovation. Shouts of "No pasaran!"—They Shall Not Pass—filled the air.

"Workers of America," the ambassador said, "I ask you to think seriously and deeply of the Spanish problem, which is not only Spanish, but is eminently and universally human. The active forces of the world are today grouping themselves around democratic and liberal institutions, or around forms of institutional despotism. We are giving our lives for the cause of liberty and democratic institutions. Your brothers, the workers of Spain, are now dying for this cause."

Carlisle to Talk On 'Front Page' Program in L.A.
LOS ANGELES—With Harry Carlisle as the principal speaker, the Study Group of the American League Against War and Fascism will hold the second in a new series of "Front Page" discussion programs on Thursday May 13 at 8:15 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 2936 West Eighth Street.

Unified Action to Aid Spain Needed

(An Editorial)

Seventeen Communist Parties (France, Spain, Italy, Germany, England, United States, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Holland, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Austria, Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, and Luxembourg), met in Paris to discuss mobilizing their forces for the greatest effort to aid the Spanish people against fascism.

The Western Worker has published the joint manifesto issued by the representatives of these parties, who met in Paris April 23. "To the Aid of Republican Spain!" is the title of the ringing appeal to the anti-fascists of the world, particularly to all Communists and Socialists.

After pointing out that "the weakness of the democracies has become the strength of the fascist dictators," the appeal devotes its attention to the failure of the Second International, particularly the British Labor Party leaders, to exert their efforts for united action in behalf of Spanish democracy.

British Labor leaders, it is pointed out, have been playing the game of the Tories. They have been the chief obstacles to united action on the part of the Second International, which still continues its policy of keeping the workers divided, when every need of the proletariat and of the struggle against fascism and war calls for their solid unity.

Spanish labor unitedly has asked the Socialist and Labor (Second) International to unite with the Communists to arouse the greatest measure of aid to combat and overcome the common action of Hitler and Mussolini.

The appeal of the 17 Communist Parties calls on the Socialists everywhere to enter into discussions for every form of united action to aid the people of Spain win their battle for democracy and world peace.

We urge all our readers to pay special attention to this manifesto and particularly to bringing it to the attention of all Socialists.

TRIAL OF 17 STRIKERS ON DAM MAY 15TH

CIO Furnishes Bail For Them; Solid For Demands

SAN BERNARDINO—Trial of 17 CIO pickets arrested in the strike of 1200 Parker Dam workers (led by the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers local 270) is set for May 15.

The CIO furnished \$4800 bail for the strikers. Following are the union's demands:

- 1.—That the CIO Union be recognized as sole bargaining agency.
- 2.—That the closed shop be recognized.
- 3.—That a blanket pay increase of \$1 a day be granted all types of labor.
- 4.—That the Parker Dam job and its various pumping intake and subsidiary projects be kept open.
- 5.—That conferences be opened with the union negotiating committee.

Decisions of ISU Conference Told

SAN FRANCISCO—Harry Lundberg, secretary of the Sailor Union of the Pacific, announced Monday through an official union bulletin the results of the conference held in Los Angeles on May 3rd and 4th between Ivan Hunter, secretary of the International Seamen's Union, and representatives of the three West Coast District unions.

The decisions will be recommendations to the ISU executive board, which meets in Chicago on Thursday, May 13th. They include return of the charter of the Sailors Union; waiving of all per capita tax for the West Coast unions up to May 1, 1937; removal of Deal as ISU vice president; removal of Scharron as legislative agent to the ISU; to call an ISU convention on July 19th, in Los Angeles; suspend 1936 amendments to the ISU constitution; closing of ISU hall on the West Coast.

The rank and file leaders of the Atlantic and Gulf District of the ISU were not invited to the Los Angeles conference; the decision of the conference to hold an election on the East Coast, under supervision of three from the rank-and-file representatives, with a neutral chairman, came after the rank and file on the East Coast had withdrawn from the ISU and formed the National Maritime Union in order to force an election, through the NLRB, which the ISU had opposed and prevented to date, to determine the representatives of the East Coast seamen.

The Marine Cooks and Stewards Union, and the Marine Firemen's Union had already voted last Thursday night, not to accept the decisions of the L. A. conference until word was received from the East Coast as to the attitude of the National Maritime Union toward the decisions. The Marine Firemen voted to endorse and recognize the National Maritime Union as representing the East Coast seamen. The Cooks and the Firemen also refused to send representatives to the May 13th meeting of the ISU executive board in Chicago.

Last Monday night's meeting of the Sailors Union was expected to consider the decisions of the L. A. conference and vote on accepting them or adopting the same attitude as the Firemen and the Cooks and Stewards.

YCL HEARS OF PROPOSAL TO BROADEN SCOPE

Foster Urges Youth To Become Leaders In CIO Work

Carl Ross, 24-year-old Minnesota youth leader, was elected national executive secretary of the Young Communist League at the conclusion of its convention last week. Gil Green was elected president and Angelo Herrington vice-president.

NEW YORK—The over 650 delegates to the Young Communist League convention held here last week came from 36 states. In speaking on the new broad constitution adopted, YCL secretary Gil Green told the convention:

"Our feeling is that there is need for only one Communist Party in this country.
"Our task as a youth organization is to educate the young people on the world's affairs and in the course of their education to enable them to determine for themselves whether they agree or disagree with the final program of the Communist Party."

"We intend to broaden our organization so that it will include not only Communists but other people who want to improve world conditions. This will include, of course, the more advanced youth. We will, in time, attempt to merge together with other mass group organizations. We are ready to merge with any organization of youth who are ready to fight with us for democracy, against fascism, and who favor the ideals of a new socialist society."

Urging the young Communists to enter mass organizations and trade unions to work for the ideals of Communism, William Foster said:

"It is not enough to support the CIO and the Youth Congress. We must become leaders in these movements. We will then march forward with giant strides in the revolutionary movement that is growing like a snowball in all parts of the United States."

The delegates adopted a resolution, presented by Green, denouncing State Senator John J. McNaboe for his "red-baiting" and for referring the order of "Knight of the Red Herring" upon him.

Panels on farms, youth, industry and girls' problems were held. The establishment of free clinics was advocated by speakers in one discussion group. The greater use of sports also was urged.

Ask AFL Boycott On Film Companies

(Continued from Page 1)
Universal, Hal Roach, and United Artists, was sent to the American Federation of Labor with a request that they be boycotted.

The Screen Actors Guild, to which most of the stars belong, voted to accept an agreement reached with six studios, granting a closed shop, \$50 a week minimum for stock players, \$25 a day for bit players, compensation to all players for riding to and from studios, a 10 per cent wage increase for all extras earning up to \$15 a day, with a \$5.50 minimum, a minimum of \$9.50 a day plus overtime for stand-ins, an illness clause in which stand-in players get three weeks off a year with pay.

The Screen Actors voted not to strike. Previously 99 per cent of the members had voted to strike if the above demands were not granted.

Columbia and Paramount are struck as far as draftsmen are concerned. These are out with the painters. They belong to the Scenic Artists' local.

Teamsters Local 399 is seething with discontent. The fact that longshoremen have gone to bat for teamsters when this craft wanted recognition, has made studio drivers feel like scabs when hauling studio props about. Drivers are resenting taking scabs to and from work and United Artists' drivers have flatly refused to do so. Studios are now hiring outside drivers for this job. It is very likely that drivers will be forced to respect pickets in the next day or so, when longshoremen are definitely placed at studio gates.

A Paramount location going to Catalina has had a scow half-loaded with lumber, canvas stands, and other props tied to the picket line. Some fifteen painters on picket duty approached longshoremen the first day of the strike, and the longshoremen quit loading. No sea pictures are possible during the strike as far as the longshoremen are concerned.

The sentiment for the CIO is growing by leaps and bounds. Pickets who at first were not in favor are now all for it. Carpenters are anxious for it, make-up artists, IATSE members.

New York Subway Union Joins CIO

New York—Representing 16,000 subway and elevated workers, the Transport Workers Union has decided to affiliate with the CIO. It has been part of the Machinists International.

How Many Can You Answer?

- 1.—Who was overthrown by the Paris barricade fighters of 1848?
- 2.—Who wrote the words of the "Internationale"?
- 3.—Who is national CIO director?
- 4.—What congressman has introduced a bill for an embargo on war material to Italy, Germany and Portugal?
- 5.—On what ticket was he elected?

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The New "Neutrality" Measure

THE NEW neutrality measure is more dangerous than even the bills which were passed by the House and the Senate originally.

Not only does the clause establishing a mandatory embargo on arms to belligerents forbid the purchase of American arms by the friendly and legal democratic government of Spain—something unheard of before—while Italy and Germany are not regarded as the belligerents they actually are, but in addition the soliciting of funds for the aid of the Spanish people is forbidden.

To tell the American people to whom they may or may not give money, and under what conditions, is a direct interference with the democratic rights of American citizens. Not a single non-fascist capitalist European power has dared adopt such a stringent measure regarding collection of funds for humanitarian aid to the people living under the recognized government of Spain.

All Americans who love democracy and freedom should demand of the President that he declare an embargo against Germany, Italy and Portugal, and that he does not interfere with the sending of aid to the Spanish people.

Those who are staunch believers in democracy, for which the Spanish people are fighting, should call on their Congressmen to support and vote for the resolution introduced by Farmer-Labor Congressman John T. Bernard of Minnesota—asking an embargo against the fascist nations, Italy, Germany and Portugal, that have assisted the armed revolt against the legally elected Spanish government, with which the United States continues to maintain friendly relations.

Drive Home for Unity

(An Editorial From the Daily Worker)

THROUGHOUT the labor movement, this alarm rings out:

"Trade union unity is in danger!"

The American Federation of Labor executive council is openly splitting the trade union movement from top to bottom. In Washington last week, Green, Frey, Hutcheson and Co. climaxed their acts of treachery against the American workers.

There they cast aside all regard for even their own decisions at the 1936 Tampa convention. There they moved to expel the Committee for Industrial Organization unions and all AFL progressives without calling the convention made mandatory at Tampa. Instead, they proceed to call a conference of picked international union officials—for Cincinnati on May 18—to tear labor unity to pieces.

This is one of the most shameful acts in the history of American labor.

It is the culmination of a whole series of union-smashing moves perpetrated by the executive council. The Green-Frey-Hutcheson cabal entered into open negotiations with the General Motors Corporation and the Chrysler Company during the great auto strikes—for the purpose of open strikebreaking against the United Automobile Workers.

They are splitting central bodies and state federations—through expulsion as in Cleveland and through where their forces are in the minority, as in Philadelphia, Georgia and other places.

The CIO, despite this provocation, has pursued a consistent and constructive policy for the welfare of the American workers.

The CIO has gone ahead and organized the workers. It has conducted big and effective strikes. It has improved conditions. Despite its opposition to the expulsion program of the executive council, it has cooperated with those AFL unions which (under a progressive leadership) are actually organizing workers and not striving to smash the CIO. It has fought for the unity of central bodies and state federations (as witness Pennsylvania, where the CIO forces are in control). It has not set up a rival national trade union center, but has chartered only its affiliate groups and the unorganized who have become organized in its sweeping drives.

There is the situation in a nutshell. It brands the expulsion program of the executive council as a direct aid to the big open shoppers. On top of this, we see Matthew Woll of the executive council openly inciting violent action against industrial unionism and progressive labor policies at the New York Hippodrome, on the same platform with Al Smith of the Liberty League and lawyers of that anti-union organization. Such putrid tactics are being carried on, despite the unanimous decision of the Atlantic City convention that such treasonable alliances should no

longer be permitted—in the resolution against the National Civic Federation, of which Woll was then acting president.

This destructive program of the executive council must be exposed. It must be fought to a finish in every AFL union.

It is no secret that the rank and file of the unions are against a split. It is no secret that they wholeheartedly support the great CIO organizing campaigns.

Were the executive council to submit its decisions to a real vote of the union membership, there is no doubt as to what the outcome would be. It would be overwhelmingly against these expulsions.

In the International Seamen's Union, the membership has shown clearly that it is opposed to the policies of the union leadership. In the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, the Hutcheson machine has been compelled to fake the returns on the recent national referendum. But in spite of that fact, only 30,000 votes could be announced for the administration with 15,000 against—out of a claimed total membership of 300,000! Even at that, 100,000 union lumber workers are disfranchised and were debarred from voting in this referendum. These are samples of the "democracy" perpetrated by the AFL bureaucracy on the CIO and other progressive issues.

That is not all. Against CIO expulsion we also find: Painters' district councils, notably Dist. 9 of New York; Machinists' district councils and local unions, notably District 1 of Philadelphia; food unions, section after section; the union teachers, the fur workers, the union newspaper men and many other unions—musicians, motion picture operators and what not—local, district and international.

We definitely challenge Green, Frey and Hutcheson to submit the CIO expulsions to a real vote of the AFL membership.

What can that membership do NOW to drive home for trade union unity? The rank and file cannot afford to be complacent. The danger is real and immediate. They can act without delay:

1. To adopt resolutions, declaring for trade union unity and hammering home condemnation of the splitting program of the executive council.

The AFL affiliated bodies can support the CIO organizing drives, which are bringing hundreds of thousands of workers into the trade union movement. They can oppose the expulsions and condemn the strikebreaking policies of the AFL leadership. They can declare strongly for labor unity—based on the organization of the unorganized in the mass production industries through industrial unionism, the CIO's program.

2. To demand a national and democratic convention of all American unions, for the winning of genuine and permanent unity.

The Cincinnati conference will not represent the interests of the two million members for whom the Greens, the Freys and the Hutchesons claim to speak. Nor will it express their wishes and sentiments. In fact, no convention or conference called by the executive council—organized on its present undemocratic basis—can speak for the rank and file of the American Federation of Labor.

If there was ever a day when workers' unity was needed more than at any other time, that day is the present. Only a united trade union movement can effectively resist the new attacks of the employers now on foot. Only a united trade union movement, based on the fundamental principles of the CIO, can bring into its fold at the shortest possible time the tens of millions of unorganized.

The progressives of the AFL, who represent the sentiment of the rank and file, can join with the CIO in the demand for a genuinely democratic unity convention. Such a convention, to be fully representative of all unions, must afford:

(a) Equal and full representation to all unions, CIO and AFL.

(b) Inclusion of the hundreds of thousands of new unionists who have been enrolled in the great CIO drives.

(c) Guarantees that the convention will be organized on the basis of democratic elections in each international union, with the whole convention to be organized by a joint committee of an equal number of AFL and CIO representatives.

(d) Insistence that the Railroad Brotherhoods, numbering hundreds of thousands of workers, will also be represented, in order to weld together once and for all, a united, powerful labor movement.

Only such a convention can reunite the labor movement on the basis of progressive policies and democratic decisions. The united trade union movement that would emerge, bringing together at least five million organized workers to begin with, could quickly grow to the largest trade union movement in the capitalist world.

It would be able to organize America's unorganized millions, as never before. It would be able to beat back the attacks of anti-union reaction. It would hasten the organization of independent political action of labor in alliance with the farmers, the middle class and all progressive people's forces.

The Communist Party will continue to support the CIO campaigns for organizing the unorganized. The Party will continue to endorse the CIO's progressive policies. It will continue to fight against the executive council's splitting program.

The Communist Party calls on the union rank and file to speak out. It urges that telegrams, letters and resolutions for unity and against division be poured in upon the executive council. It urges support to the utmost—morally and financially—from all unions to the CIO organizing campaigns, which are opening the way for the unionization of America's unorganized millions.

Made Homeless by Shells of the Fascist Barbarians



REFUGEES FROM Avila and Segovia, with the few personal belongings they could carry with them, enter loyalist Madrid, after fascist bombings made them homeless.

2 Condemnations of Trotsky

Rabbi Stephen Wise States His Opinion as a Jewish Leader

The efforts of Trotsky's supporters banded together in this country in an effort to whitewash the murderous activities of the international counter-revolutionary movement headed by Trotsky, were roundly scored by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise. In a letter to Sidney Hook, professor at New York University, and one of Trotsky's most ardent defenders, Dr. Wise said:

"I have your letter inviting me to join the Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotsky, and enclosing the statement by my friends Professors Dewey and Kallen. I must decline to do what you request, for though I have carefully read the documents you submit, I am convinced neither of the validity of their contentions, nor of the necessity for the existence of your committee.

"You write that 'It is not necessary to be a Trotskyist to believe in the right of political asylum, and that the truth should be made known.' Need I state that I fully concur in that maxim? But, I see no reason, in view of Mr. Trotsky's present domicile in Mexico, to provide him with such an asylum. Nor do I find that he is encountering difficulty in making his views—whether or not they be the truth—widely known. The press of the world, notably its most reactionary elements, seem to have opened its columns to him with disturbing, even suspicious, generosity. Indeed, as I have followed the controversy, it has occurred to me that the opponents of Mr. Trotsky have been far more hampered than he in gaining access to the media of public opinion.

"Assails Anti-Semitism Issue.

"As a campaign which you state the Communist Party

Honest Socialist On Disruptors

Unable longer to keep silent on the "small but destructive group of Trotskyites" in his Socialist branch, a Socialist worker wrote the Daily Worker this letter:

Allentown, Pa.
Editor, Daily Worker:
I write this letter to you hoping that you will place it in your paper so that the honest Socialists will read it and take steps to safeguard the Socialist Party from the inevitable ruin which has been brought upon us by the group of destructive Trotskyites.

I am a Socialist, and that I will remain all my life, and while writing this letter I am not making any attempts to attack these honest elements in the Socialist Party who feel about the situation the same as I do. I am only writing this to tell you how I and other Socialists feel about this small but destructive group of Trotskyites who have made our branch here locally a nest of Trotskyite activities.

With so much activities going on in Lehigh county we find our comrades of the Socialist Party unable to take part in any of these activities because we are constantly hampered by these elements. Instead of taking up concretely some of the issues with which workers in Lehigh county are faced we find the Trotskyites looking for ways and means how to disrupt our activities and make the Communist Party their object of unprincipled attack.

As an old Socialist, I know the value, the importance of the United Front. I know that the workers can not win unless there is complete unity and understanding in the ranks of the working class parties. The greatest event of my life would be if we would accomplish that organic unity which is so badly needed in our ranks. But wishing for these things is not sufficient. I know that as long as the Trotskyites will be permitted to control the ranks of the working class parties, the Trotskyites will get no place. Our job must be in order that unity may be established is to rid our organization of the Trotskyites who have brought ruin and disorganization in our ranks. E.H.F.

is waging against you and the danger of its serving as a precedent for the Hitler Government to throttle inquiry of its acts on the part of American citizens, may I point out that the Hitler Government has hardly waited for such a precedent. Moreover, to invite me to join your Committee on that ground savors of Trotsky's own disingenuousness in introducing the Jewish issue into the present situation.

"If his other charges against the Soviet Government are as unsubstantiated as his complaint on the score of anti-Semitism, he has no case at all. I state this, while maintaining, as I have always done, that the Soviet Union has been unjustifiably harsh in its attitude toward all religious groups.

"But, as a Jew and as a Jewish teacher, I deeply resent the attempt of one who for years has repudiated and derided his racial and religious affiliations, to inject a totally irrelevant Jewish issue into the present controversy, and to use it in order to mend his political fences.

"In view of these considerations, my dear Professor Hook, you will understand my refusal to join your Committee."

Newton Baker on Moscow Trials

Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War in President Wilson's cabinet, declared in a recent radio address that the triumvirate of "Hitler, Trotsky and Japan may probably cause the next war," according to the April issue of the magazine, Soviet Russia Today.

The attorney based his opinion upon the verbatim report of the recent Moscow trials, a 580-page document published by the People's Commissariat of Justice of the U.S.S.R. Moscow, entitled "Report of Court Proceedings in the Case of the Anti-Soviet Trotskyite Centre." Soviet Russia Today published a part of Baker's address at the Fourth Annual Woman's Congress in Chicago in which he made the following comment on the Moscow trials:

"Baker's Address
"I want to ask as many of you as can to read the English translation of the recent treason trials in Russia. They have printed in Moscow a verbatim report of those trials. We had read in this country the testimony given by Radek and others, but I never saw an American who pretended he could understand what was going on. We all had a notion that the trials in Russia were like Hollywood performances, that they were set up on a lot and prepared to teach some kind of propaganda lesson. That they had any relation to what actually took place none of us could understand.

"If you will read the report of these trials, however, I think you will find this to be true: that Trotsky is probably the greatest realist now living. Trotsky believed at one time in what he called the theory of continuous revolution. He thought it was impossible to set up in Russia a Communist society if it was surrounded by capitalist states. Therefore, in order to insure the success of Communism in Russia, Trotsky's idea was that it was necessary for Russia to bring about Communist uprisings in the capitalist states until they all became Communist.

Trotsky's Plot
"Stalin accepted the other thesis that Russia was large enough and strong enough and rich enough to develop her own economy the way she wanted it and to let the rest of the world alone. When the Hitler regime was established in Germany and when Japan became aggressive as a nation, Trotsky said to himself: 'The old plan is out of date. Germany and Japan, driven by great forces over which neither their statesmen nor their people have any control, are going to attack Russia and Russia must lose in that war. Russia is not prepared and can not be prepared for that war.'

Therefore, predicated his new military policy upon that hypothesis, Trotsky structured his adherents throughout Russia to adopt a defeatist attitude towards Russia when she got into the war with Germany and Japan. He made bargains with secret service agents of both Japan and Germany that if they would attack Russia and, having defeated the Stalinist forces, would put his party, the Trotsky party, in power, that he would compensate them by allowing Germany to have the Ukraine and by allowing Japan to have the northern half of the Island of Sakhalin. The southern half was given to Japan by the Treaty of Portsmouth, but the Trotskyists would allow her to have the northern half in order that she might have a base for her ultimate war against the United States. They would also give Japan in Siberia the region of the Amur and the Maritime provinces.

"The idea apparently in Trotsky's mind was that there would be established a new triumvirate—Hitler, Trotsky and Japan—and he trusted that he would live long enough and be smart enough ultimately to outwit Hitler and Japan and then establish Russia as a Communist state under his guidance dominant over the major part of the world.

"That is the kind of force that I think may probably cause the next war. It is not strictly economic in character, although the nations that are supposed to play parts in it are moved by economic consideration."

Money Against Unions
Police Chief G. W. Griffin, of the would-be Mussolini of Pajaro Valley, admitted recently that large sums outside of the \$13,000 spent in 1936 packing house and field strikes, had been spent to "squench" the other agricultural strikes.

He also admitted that Joseph Cake, salesman for the Lake Erie Chemical Co., the same outfit that furnished the gas for the Stockton "civil war," threw gas bombs at the workers in the Salinas strike. A worker quoted him as saying: "This is my business; the more gas thrown at the strikers, the more money I make."

Workers' Univ. in Mexico Open Soon

MEXICO CITY—The Workers University of Mexico will hold a 6-week summer session, opening July 5, with many courses given in English and dealing with social and political changes in Mexico. Shorter courses also are offered. General offices of the university are at Rosales 24-26, Mexico, D.F.

Need for Positive SP Program Seen

By A. B. MAGIL
(Continued from last issue)

The term, "production for use," has also gained a certain currency in the West and North-west and has even been used as a slogan in two movements within the Democratic Party, Epic and the Washington Commonwealth Federation. Actually, it has become a nebulous catchphrase, meaning anything and everything, and serving in some cases as a shield for political shysters and mountebanks. Even Father Coughlin has given birth to the bastard trick-phrase, "production for use as a profit."

Thus, "production for use," in stead of being the least to which a Farmer-Labor Party should commit itself as the Socialist resolution insists, is a wholly undesirable plank. The Washington Commonwealth Federation acted wisely when at its last convention shortly after the elections, it eliminated "production for use" from its platform. The new platform, far from being weakened, is more concrete, more clearly anti-fascist than the old one which contained this radical-sounding slogan.

The meaning of the Farmer-Labor Party resolution, however, can be fully understood only in relation to another adopted at the convention dealing with the situation in the Minneapolis Farmer-Labor Party.

The alliance of the pride of the Trotskyite movement, the Dunne brothers of Minneapolis, with the notorious strikebreaker,

Mayor Latimer, is a move to split the Farmer-Labor Party and re-elect Latimer has shocked thousands of Socialists and Socialist sympathizers. Not only have the Minneapolis Trotskyites joined hands with the worst reactionaries within the labor movement, but with underworld racketeers and agents of the liquor interests in a general drive against the progressive policies of Farmer-Labor Governor Elmer Benson.

Nothing that has happened in this country has so clearly exposed the reactionary anti-labor character of Trotskyism. Many delegates came to the Socialist convention determined to clean up the Minneapolis mess. They, however, allowed themselves to be outmaneuvered by the Trotskyites and their allies, and the test came.

The resolution adopted on the Minneapolis situation is a worthy companion of the whitewashing expedition that is now playing out in Trotsky's Rome in Mexico City. The resolution, which was submitted by the Labor Party committee, declares that the committee "is unable to arrive at a conclusion as to the correctness of the tactic adopted by the Minneapolis local (of the Socialist Party)." It recommends the appointment of a subcommittee to study the affair and bring in a report (perhaps John Dewey can be persuaded to head it). The Minneapolis Trotskyites, it finds, "acted in perfect good faith," their only fault being that they failed to consult the National Executive Committee and get an official blessing for their crimes. The resolution ends on this tender note:

"In line with the Socialist Party's established policy of promoting the unity of the labor movement, the committee declares that the Minneapolis comrades should continue with the policy of working for the unity of all sections of the labor movement in Minnesota without in any way isolating themselves from any trade unions. The present split is to be considered a caucus within the Farmer-Labor Association for the purpose of proposing candidates for the primary campaign."

What is this but the green light signaling the Trotskyites to go ahead with their wrecking activities? These activities have been condemned by the overwhelming majority of the trade union and Farmer-Labor movements of Minnesota.

In the light of the above, what becomes of the resolution on the Farmer-Labor Party? The Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party is the only party in the country that fulfills all the conditions laid down in that resolution. It consciously represents the interest of the working people of Minnesota. It has the support of "important sections of organized farmers and workers." It even includes "production for use"

in its program. Yet, how does the Socialist convention carry out its own resolution? It gives a free hand to a gang of unprincipled wreckers who are trying to destroy this exemplary Farmer-Labor Party. It tells them to continue opposing the party's candidate for mayor, Kenneth Haycraft, and supporting a reactionary traitor to the Farmer-Labor Party, Mayor Latimer, who is responsible for the murder of two children in the Flour City Iron Works strike.

What more need be said? Just this: The majority of sincere Socialists and Socialist sympathizers, we are confident, do not support such shameful policies. These policies have led the Socialist Party from disaster to disaster, have isolated it, reduced its membership to 6,000 and prepared the way for even greater ruin.

If this course is to be changed, the truly progressive elements in the party must organize their forces for a relentless struggle against the Trotskyites and their Zam Tyler stooges. Even the inadequate resolution on the Farmer-Labor Party and the united front can be used as weapons in this struggle.

But a more positive, more clear-sighted program is needed, one such as Paul Porter has outlined. A program that will boldly take the road of the Socialist Parties of France and Spain, the road toward united action and the building of a powerful American People's Front—a nation-wide Farmer-Labor Party.

Only in this way can the Socialist Party become a constructive force in American life and bring nearer the final victory of Socialism.

(Meeting with strong rebuke from labor for the support of Latimer, the Trotskyites have since made a further splitting move by entering Vincent Dunne as candidate for mayor.—E.D.)

FISHERMEN IN ONE UNION NOW IN SANTA CRUZ

SANTA CRUZ—At a recent meeting here, all market fishermen of Santa Cruz voted to join the Deep Sea and Purse Seine Fishermen's Union, under whose auspices the meeting was held. All California Pacific Coast fishermen are now organized.

Action of the local market fishermen followed action taken by the Monterey market fishermen to merge their organization with the Deep Sea and Purse Seine Union. The Monterey agreement, at present verbal, but with a written agreement soon to follow, will apply to local market fishermen as well.

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SMALL FARMERS OPPOSE PRO-RATE
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Stanislaus Dairymen Fight Against Loss of Their Cows

ALASKA CANNER RAPS SPLITTING SEATTLE UNION

Says Lawyer Tricks
Japanese Cannery
Workers

By an Alaska Canner
SAN FRANCISCO—Some time ago the Western Worker printed an article stating that the forces of reaction were still alive and very active in overthrowing the cannery workers of Alaska, of both the Seattle and the San Francisco locals.

Later another article appeared in the Western Worker, proving that certain rats were already active in the Seattle union. These are led by the labor faker, T. Arai, a Japanese lawyer and "organizer." He is assisted very generously by the labor fakers Flynn and C.W. Doyle, secretary of the Seattle Labor Council.

They Lied to Japanese Workers
These labor "leaders" have organized the fink labor union, "The Alaska Cannery Federated Workers Union." This "union" is composed of Japanese workers whom they have led into believing that they are superior to the Filipino and other workers who go to work in the Alaska canneries, that the Japanese workers must break away from them because they cannot very well understand English and to meet with these other workers is too monotonous. These fakers Doyle and Flynn also claimed discrimination against the Japanese.

This, however, is a deliberate fabrication, a gross lie, as the C.W.F.U. has in its fold many Japanese workers, and has from its very inception.

As a matter of fact, two Japanese workers have been serving in the negotiating committee. It is a self-evident fact that the C.W.F.U. makes no discrimination against race, nationality, creed, labor or political tendencies, regardless of its shade. All that is required of its members is loyalty to the union and to the entire cause of labor.

Hard Fight for Unity
Cannery workers of Alaska are composed of Japanese, Chinese, Filipino, Korean, and native Alaskan. It has required three years of hard struggle by honest, sincere leaders for these various leaders to be united solidly into the one union, the C.W.F.U., and to secure recognition from the fascist type of operators who are powerfully entrenched in the fascist fight against the laboring class.

All these are undeniable facts that speak for themselves, yet Arai, Doyle, Flynn have the unmitigated gall to pose as the champions of labor, when their tactics are identical with that of the boss class, to "divide and rule."

On March 4, after the bona fide C.W.F.U. had been negotiating with the packers for some time, out of a clear sky descended the musketeers, Arai, Flynn and Doyle, with their brand new "union."

The whole thing was so rotten that not only District Council No. 1 of the Maritime Federation condemned it, but also the Seattle Central Labor Council by unanimous vote!

Flynn's Strikebreaking Tactics
Faker Flynn later attempted to explain this away by claiming that the application for a Federal Charter was made before the Central Labor Council had heard of it.

Flynn later informed the packers that they couldn't negotiate with the C.W.F.U., that this union was the one deserving the right to collective bargaining and recognitions.

This threw the negotiations into confusion. Owing to the support of the other groups, the packers were forced to recognize the C.W.F.U. as the bargaining agency for collective bargaining.

Fink Union is Menace to Labor
This new fink union is a large group of misled workers, and with a federal charter is a menace to labor; and according to recent reports this "union" of Mr. Flynn, Arai, and Doyle is at the time of writing this story picketing the waterfront against the bona fide C.W.F.U. However, it has also been reported that the Maritime Federation will not recognize the fink union, and no doubt will live up to its promise.

In conclusion, it is fitting to add a few words of thanks to the splendid leadership of our S.F. local—Jack Berolla, Paul Lyons, and the invincible "Lone Wolf," as some people are wont to call him.

Praises A.C.W.U. Leaders
These three true leaders of the working class foresaw long the possibility of such anti-union tactics, and saw to it that the necessary steps were taken to prevent splitting our union; and that is the reason why we are going to be dispatched this year

Three Hawaiian Longshoremen at ILA Convention

Honolulu and Hilo Unions Still Fighting to
Get Charters; Wage Increases Won;
Speed-up Cut Down Already

By a Longshoreman
SEATTLE—District 38 of the ILA seated three Hawaiians as fraternal delegates after opening its convention in Seattle Monday. And thereby, hangs a tale. A tale of a hard fight for unionization, a fight that is not yet won.

AFL WORKERS IN SOLIDARITY WITH CIO MEN

Scabs' Death Shows
Strike Effective
At Parker Dam

By a Tunnel Worker
PARKER DAM—In the Parker Dam strike of Local 270, Tunnel, Subway & Aqueduct Workers Union, a large group of the old AFL rank-and-file who still believe in organized labor and will not cross a picket line, joined the ranks of the CIO.

This action at once brought cheers from the large ranks of the CIO union. A demonstration of cheerful mood followed.

Scabs Got Killed
Many men of the CIO by mistake happened to cross into restricted areas (also three former AFL men), and were placed under arrest for trespassing. Grover Johnson immediately came here to fight for the men. Their release is expected soon.

FLASH—Two strikebreakers were killed by the Shea company. Due to inexperience, is the only reason Shea could give, which goes to show you can't make a skilled laborer out of a cop.

Will do my best to keep you informed.

SF Hotel Striker Likes 'Western'

By a Hotel Worker
SAN FRANCISCO—I am in receipt of your letter notifying me of the expiration of my subscription to the Western Worker. As I am one of the hotel strikers and very short of money right now, I find it impossible to send you my remittance at this time.

But I do want to continue getting the paper, and fully intend to pay up in full as soon as things are settled. So would it be asking too great a favor to ask you to please continue sending my paper?

I certainly know the value of the Western Worker and do not want to miss a copy.

I hope you will publish plenty of news of the hotel strike, so the people will not have to depend on the capitalist press for their (mis) information. I think we have the public sympathy and if we can keep the yellow press from clouding the issue, we are sure to win.

(NOTE: The subscription is being continued.)

ALASKA CANNER TO SEND NEWS FROM CANNERY

By an Alaska Canner
SAN FRANCISCO—If possible, please run a story stating that the Western Worker will continue to run stories while the men are working in the canneries in Alaska. As we have a women's auxiliary, they could get news from the Alaska canneries while their men are up there working.

I will send you stories myself from Alaska by air mail, and will get other workers to write.

In mixed groups. No large groups of one nationality or race will be allowed to go to Alaska together, as we workers must learn to live and fight shoulder to shoulder against our only enemy, the exploiters. We must learn to fight shoulder to shoulder in order to be able as one class to create a better world to live in.

Let us be watchful for rats like Arai, Flynn, and Doyle in our ranks.

The three delegates, Levi Kealoha, of the Honolulu Longshoremen's Association, and August Asau and Abraham Pohina, of the Hilo Longshoremen's Association, came here on their own funds, "our local is poor, you know, that long strike, and we are so small," and intend to stay here to take part in the convention.

Want Their Charter
And the chief thing they want is their charter, which the convention last year recommended be granted to them, but which they have not yet received. District President Harry Bridges, in his report to the convention now in session, recommended that they be recognized as ILA affiliates until their charter is granted.

Why hasn't a charter been granted? Well, nobody seems to know just what happened to it. The convention in San Diego last year sent its recommendation East, but so far nothing has happened.

Interests Fight Charter
What everybody does know is that powerful interests in Blue Hawaii would strenuously object to any charter given to a union composed of natives. "For years they've been spreading propaganda that white men would never let natives into their unions," says Delegate Asau, "and if we get a charter, the plantation workers would have the courage to organize. They have already asked the help of the ILA over there."

For instance: The first case ever to come before the National Labor Relations Board was recently filed by the Honolulu Longshoremen's Association. Last August eight union men in a gang of 15 were fired because they belonged to the HLA. When hearings on the complaint were heard by the NLRB, many of the men were afraid to testify.

Over 60% Union in Honolulu
But Delegate Kealoha, one of the eight first fired, had his day in court. "It was the first time that the activities of the Big Five, the powerful planters, had ever come up in a public hearing," he says.

"We now have, in Honolulu, more than 500 of the 1000 longshoremen there unionized. The others will come in when they see that we have help, and when the NLRB decides that we should go back to our jobs."

Delegate Asau speaks with a smile. "In Hilo we are 100 per cent organized," he says.

Some Gains Made Already
"We've cut down a little of the speed-up and backbreaking tactics. They used to make us load 60 bags of sugar in one hoist—we had quite a few strikes, and now it's 20 bags. We used to work nine and a half hours a day—now we work eight. Pay used to be 40 cents an hour and 55 for overtime. Now it's 60 and 80."

"Yes," says Kealoha, "and we used to do the work of sailors, riggers and scalers, working four days and four nights straight for low pay. That's all ended now."

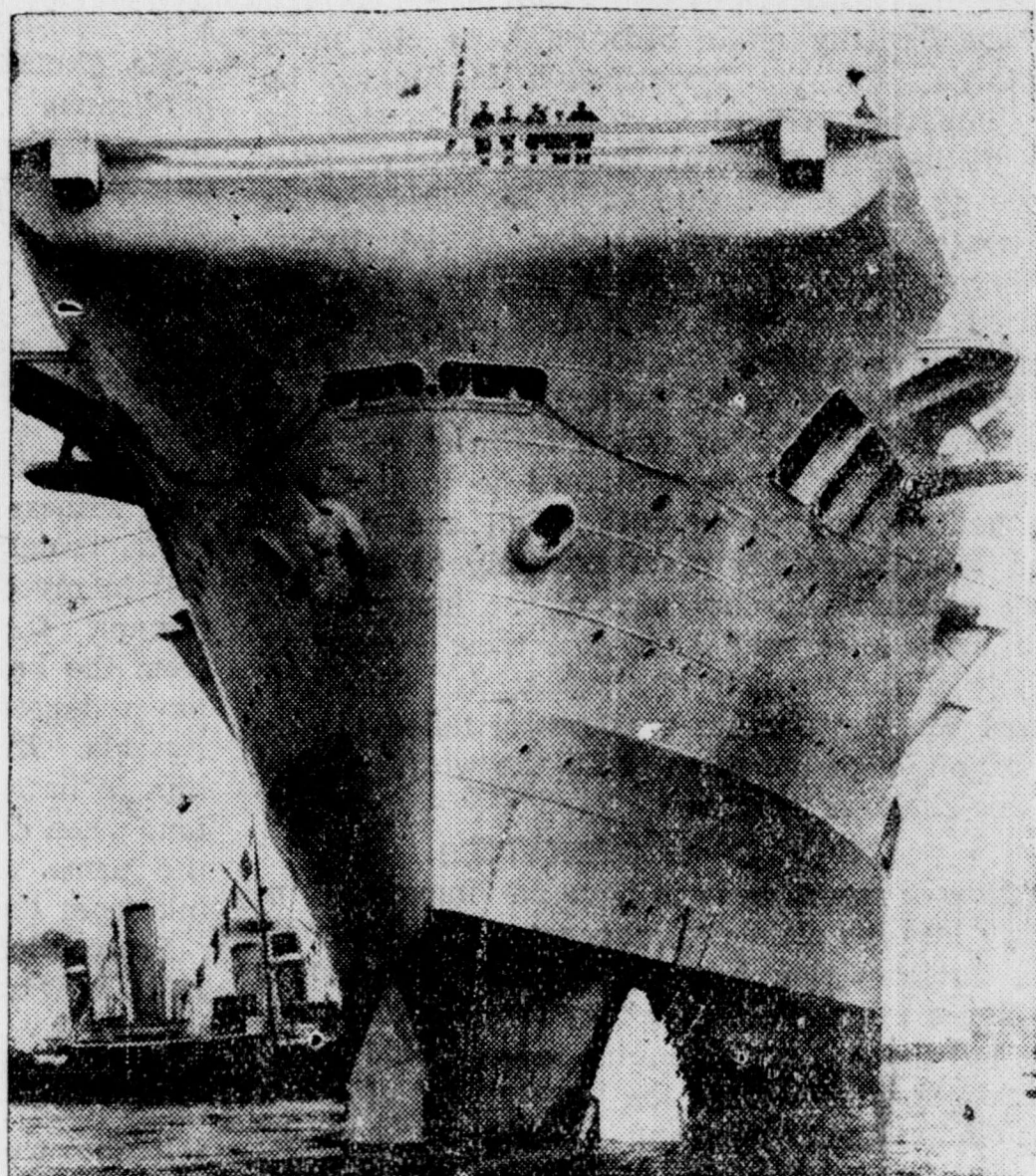
Will Continue Work for Charter
Are they going to get their charter? No one can say for sure as yet. But Kealoha, who has been on a blacklist since August of last year, says: "We're going to stick it out and carry out the orders we were given by our members in spite of any hardships."

They had to work their way over to get to the convention—and they're going to work to bring back what they came after.

Merced County Has
Its First May Day
Program in History

By a Farmer
LIVINGSTON, Merced County—The first May Day celebration in the history of this area, was held near here as a picnic on Sunday, May 2. About 60 workers and farmers were in attendance. The speakers were Carl B. Patterson, who ran for Congress on the Communist Party ticket last year, and Wm. Standridge, secretary of the local Western Cooperative Dairymen's Union.

Britain Prepares for War



BRITAIN LAUNCHES the H. M. S. Ark Royal at Birkenhead, England. The ship, 800 feet long, will carry 70 planes. It is first of five such airplane carriers in Britain's increased armament program

"War in Spain"

By a Worker Correspondent
There's bloodshed and there's war in Sunny Spain!
Blazing cannon rake the fields of golden grain;
But regardless of the crop, Loyalists shall never stop,
Until they've saved Democracy again.

There's suffering and hunger down in Spain!
It's in the throes of great internal pain;
But the war shall never cease—No Loyalist will cry for peace,
'Till every bloody Fascist has been slain.

There's mothers' arms that's empty down in Spain!
And broken hearts that ne'er shall mend again;
But despite a mother's woe, blood shall never cease to flow,
'Till liberty shall not cry out in vain.

The farmers and the peasants fight in Spain!
And before the sacred altar of the slain;
This vow they take each dawn—"Bloody Fascists no pasaran!"
Which echoes from the mountain and the plain.

I see the dawn of peace in sunny Spain!
And shrapnel from the sky has ceased to rain;
There's peace and love and bread—precious blood's no longer shed,
And the fields are green and peaceful once again.

—J. H. E.

Carpenters Report New Union in San Unsafe Conditions Berdoo on Strike

By a Carpenter
SAN FRANCISCO—Business Agent McKnight, of Carpenters Union Local 22, and Mr. Day, of the WPA, came to the Aquatic Park project and ordered carpenters they saw fit to go to 200 Guerrero St. and receive assignment.

The next day they showed up at 200 Guerrero, and some got assignment to work for McDonagh on the shoal. Of 11 who went there on Wednesday, only three lasted to Friday night. Most of them only lasted a couple of hours.

Unsafe Conditions
The report we received was that they are building two hangars, and they are now about 60 feet above the ground. They built no scaffold, and the workers have to nail with one hand and hang on with another, and if you fall, you are shaking hands with Jesus.

The contractor also cans the men regularly every night by the wholesale. In fact, some of the men reported that conditions on the job are the worst they ever tackled. This condition is backed up by Mr. Ryan and the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters, and this is not all we have knowledge of. Other jobs are just as lousy as this one, and to think that we carpenters are paying our high dues for nothing.

ALASKA UNION FIGHTS PLAN FOR SPEED-UP

By an Alaska Canner
SAN FRANCISCO—The only difficulties encountered by the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, Local 20,195, is with the Union Fish Co. and the Red Salmon Packing. They have given the workers a few cents raise in pay with one hand, and are trying to take it away with the other. They are trying to reduce the number of men per line in all canneries from 40 to 33, which means that a cannery with five lines would operate with 35 men short, resulting in a terrific speed-up system.

Youth Plan Model Congress Soon

NEW YORK—A "Model Congress of the United States" will be held in Milwaukee July 2 to 5, under auspices of the American Youth Congress (headquarters 55 W. 42 Street, New York).

The young people of the nation have been called on to select "senators" and "representatives" to the "Model Congress."

Large joint committees will take up vital problems confronting American youth—education, labor problems, peace, democratic liberties, the National Youth Act, etc.

Small Farmers Block Wealthy Growers' Plan

San Joaquin Valley Farmers Will "Never Be Bit Again" on Raisin Pro-Rate Plan; More Discussion Urged

By a Farm Correspondent
FRESNO—A business man from Kingsburg was out here on the farm some eight days ago, telling us about a meeting that had been called by some big raisin concerns a day or two previously.

According to his version of the affair, the meeting was a great success from the standpoint of attendance. The hall was filled with small raisin growers of the district, largely Danes and Armenians.

It appears that a substantial number of signatures to the raisin pro-rate plan were still required to comprise two-thirds of the raisin growers of the San Joaquin Valley, to make the measure a law. The purpose of the meeting was to persuade the farmers to sign up.

Don't Be "Bit Again!"
The farmers heard what the big growers had to say. Then a farmer here and there got up and gave a spiel. I didn't personally talk with this business man from Kingsburg. If I had, I would have pumped him to a fare-you-well. I got it second-hand from the farmer he talked with.

According to his story, the remarks made by the farmers sounded like this (talking to the big growers):

"We got bit three times, and we will never be bit again."
"You can hang us but you can't make us sign!"
"Go back to Fresno and stay there!"

After a few farmers had spoken, they all got up and left and continued their arguments on the street.

I spoke to farmers here who subscribe to the "Fresno Bee," and they say nothing was said in the paper about the meeting. One of the farmers was hoping to find something in print about it.

Readers Urged to Write In
I am curious about this raisin pro-rate plan. It has a historical background of some dozen years. I hope some of the Western Worker readers or staff can recite its history and analyze its import. It's a live local issue.

(Readers are urged to write in, and the W. W. Staff is trying to secure an article on this subject.—Workers' Correspondence Editor.)

The big growers are finding plenty of resistance to getting signatures. It seems that about 1500 signatures are still required, which indicates that a third of the growers, plus about 1500, are frozen stiff in holding out.

On Farmer-Labor Questions
In a previous letter, in which I raised some Farmer-Labor questions, I did not handle the matter with professional skill. I lacked statistical and analytical material. I am gathering material from various sources. I am able to view both the wage earners' and the farmers' side of the problems involved, and I am going to discuss them as I develop my knowledge.

Certainly we cannot solve all the problems now, but we can look for light, we can gather useful information and discuss it frequently. This will develop the Western Worker into a worker-farmer paper. It must be done. California is a fertile field for fascism. We can head off fascism, but it's going to take everything we've got to do so, and time is of the essence, as the feller says.

PASS IT ON!

When you get through reading this issue, pass the copy on to your fellow worker. Then ask him to subscribe so he'll get it regularly.

NOTICE TO S. F. CANDY UNIONISTS

San Francisco.
Workers Correspondence Editor:
Most candy makers know that the candy workers reported news of the Candy Workers Union is going out of town for 90 days, so some candy makers should take up his work and report all news pertaining to the union to the Western Worker.

No names will be used. Just tell the truth when you write the story, and the Western Worker will be glad to publish it, as the Western Worker is 100 per cent for trade unions.

(Signed) P. CANO.

NEW YORK HAD GREATEST MAY DAY IN HISTORY

Parade Took Over 10
Hours to Pass a
Given Point

By a Worker Correspondent
NEW YORK CITY—It was the grandest May Day ever. It's a little early to send photographs, so here are a few word pictures.

The first contingent marched into Union Square at 11 a.m. When I left at 9 p.m., they were still coming strong. The cops said they had never seen anything like it and, "Jesus Christ, ain't there no end to this?"

Tremendous Parade
The Sunday Worker came out as an "extra" carrying the headline "200,000 March," and the people thought it underestimated. And were the people burned up when the News reported 30,000 and the Times said 35,000.

My union mobilized on 54th St at 10th Ave. at 1 p.m. and didn't start moving till 3 p.m. We arrived at Union Square at about 6 p.m. Our favorite song was "Solidarity" and our favorite slogan: "Wages up and hours down, make New York a union town."

Crowds Joined In
The people on the sidelines were really part of the parade. They were wearing May Day buttons and Spanish flags, and many were in costume and carried banners. They joined in the singing and started slogans if we seemed to tire for a moment. Ticker-tape was showered out from some windows, banners were flying from others. But everywhere was encouragement and a great feeling of solidarity.

Even though we were dog-tired when we reached Union Square, we stayed to watch the parade—and what a parade!

There was the Socialist Party and this being a United May Day, they received a big hand. Opposite us was a group of Spanish workers who took down the chant of United Front, and caused all the people to demand a United Front.

There was a German police dog carrying a sign: "Why insult me by calling Hitler a dog?"

For Aid to Spain
There was a motor with a large sign: "Make me an ambulance to send to Spain." There was a huge flag carried by friends of the International Brigade that was just loaded down with money showered on it by the crowd.

The most inspiring group were the mothers, wives, sweethearts and friends of those fighting in Spain. They sang "No Pasaran" with such spirit that they moved the crowds to empty their pockets to send food, medical supplies and aid to Spain. There was a truck asking for cigarettes for the Lincoln Brigade; by the time it reached Union Square, it was filled to overflowing.

It is always amazing to see the reception the German anti-Nazi get. People just love to know there are Germans who hate Hitler and have the nerve to come out openly and say so. Well, there were plenty of them yesterday. They also were showered with money to help fight Hitler.

YCL the Best of the Best
And the YCL—they were the best of the best. They were in the crowd. They came down the street with a purpose and every step showed that purpose. Their guests from Canada, San Francisco, Texas, Los Angeles, Florida, Missouri, Pennsylvania, just from everywhere, were tremendously inspiring. The crowds went singing, tired, happy, knowing they were alone, but strong in their solidarity. Well, here's to a bigger, and better May Day next year. This is only the beginning.

OPPOSE T. B. TEST UNLESS INDEMNITIES

Poor Farmers Unable
To Buy New Cows
Under Laws

By a Dairy Farmer
CROWS LANDING, Stanislaus County—Over 500 small dairy farmers in this locality are fighting for their existence, trying to block enforcement of the state law on TB tests for cattle.

On Sunday night, May 2, we held a mass meeting of about 500 farmers, called by the Western Cooperative Dairymen's Union to take action against the state veterinarians and the TB tests, and decided to put pickets around John Borba's ranch here at Crows Landing.

Fight for Indemnities
We did this the next day, and turned out the cows as fast as the vets tried to test them. We intended no violence and there was none, but there were about three carloads of deputy sheriffs there to try force testing of the cows.

Our Dairymen's Union is demanding 100 per cent indemnity for the cows, but has no objection to sick cows being destroyed. But if we are going to live, we have to get enough indemnity to replace our cows.

The state is supposed to set \$25 indemnity, but actually we get less than \$17 on cows averaging \$100 value each. We get about \$20 more for salvage per cow, but after freight charges and other expenses, we average \$29.75 per cow, leaving us in the hole for over \$70.

Ask Delay
We asked Sheriff Hugin to delay enforcing the tests, until after the Legislature passes the O'Donnell Bill, in which only a measly \$30 is provided per cow destroyed.

Our spokesman was Wm. A. Standridge, secretary of Livingston Unit 6 in Merced County, of our Dairymen's Union. He told the sheriff we had so many good cases in court that enforcement should be postponed until this question is settled.

"I'm here to enforce the laws," said the sheriff; "the laws you and I make."

Bovine TB Not Transmittable
"I challenge you to prove that the people made these laws," replied Standridge. "They were made by the banks, the Farm Bureaus, the Chambers of Commerce, Wall Street, to be used against us poor dairy farmers. Besides, it has been proved that bovine tuberculosis is not transmittable to human beings. Scientists have found out that tuberculosis among children in city slums is not due to milk from untested cows, but due to lack of milk, proper food, proper clothes, and so forth."

"It's not for me to say whether a law is good or bad," said the sheriff. "Regardless of how bad it is, I'm going to enforce it."

"Do you mean you would shoot your brother down in cold blood if you were ordered to?" "Yes," said the sheriff, and all the farmers shouted: "We know you would!"

Five farmers have been arrested here in our fight against this law. They are Joe E. Simas, of Monte Vista Road, northwest of Turlock; Frank Rose, state secretary of the Dairymen's Union, living on Maze Road near Modesto; and his two sons, Floyd and Merle; and Manuel J. Bettencourt, of the Salida district.

The sheriff has lied outright about our organization and our fight, and claimed he had issued a warrant for the arrest of a "Communist agitator."

IT STAYED OPEN
LEWISTON, Maine—Despite Judge Manser's orders to the contrary, the CIO shoe strikers kept their strike kitchen open

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FOR NO COMPROMISE WITH THE FASCIST TROTSKYITES, C.P. POSITION ON MAY FIRST

Communist Party Praises Verdict of Labor Movement of Boston in Barring Two Trotskyites From Speaking

The position of the Communist Party in the several United Front May Day demonstrations held in various cities, in which the Socialist Party participated, was as follows:

Working class unity on May Day cannot be achieved by an alliance with the enemies of unity, the agents of reaction and fascism.

This was the verdict of the progressive labor movement of Boston when it barred two Trotskyites from speaking at the May Day demonstration. This action was taken not by the Communist Party alone, as the current issue of the Socialist Call states, but by the continuations committee elected by the April 11 May Day conference, representing 17,000 organized workers.

May Day requires the unity of the working class, of the toiling farmers, of all progressive sections of the population.

The mass of the people must be aroused to the point where they are militantly FOR a definite program reflecting the needs and desires of the great majority of the people.

They speak for Bankers

They must be aroused AGAINST those who speak for the big corporations and bankers, and AGAINST the program that they advance in the interests of the exploiters of the people.

The living realities of the political struggle require that we be FOR one side and AGAINST the other.

The task of May Day is to stimulate this consciousness in the minds of the masses and help them translate it into action.

Why, then, some Socialists may ask, did you refuse to accept Trotskyites as May Day Speakers, Trotskyites who are members of the Socialist Party?

It is BECAUSE we are for the unity of Socialists, Communists, trade unionists, progressives in the struggle for FREEDOM, PEACE, DEMOCRACY, that we refuse to unite with those who oppose that struggle, even though they masquerade as Socialists.

Allied With Enemy

The Trotskyites are in alliance with the enemies of the people. They not only oppose the whole idea of a People's Front—the unity of the masses of the people—against fascism and war, but to make their opposition effective, they form a united front with the fascists and warmongers to head off a People's Front.

The Trotskyites who were put on trial in the Soviet Union admitted that they were working hand in glove with Hitler and with the Japanese militarists for WAR against the Soviet Union, for the VICTORY OF FASCISM over the greatest democracy in the world.

Elsewhere they play the same role. At the very moment when Franco's fascist troops—aided by Hitler and Mussolini—were knocking at the gates of Madrid, the Trotskyites in Spain raised the slogan: "Down with the People's Front government!"—the cry of the fascists!

This cry has been echoed in this country by Trotskyites hiding behind the name of the Socialist Party. At meetings called for the defense of Spanish democracy, they have issued leaflets attacking the leader of the democratic forces of Spain, the People's Front.

Linked With Racketeers

In Minneapolis the Trotskyites have united with a gang of arch-reactionaries and racketeers in a move to split the Farmer-Labor Party and re-elect the notorious strikebreaker, Mayor Latimer, whom the Farmer-Labor Party and all progressives oppose.

On the other fields of the labor struggle in this country the small band of Trotskyites are active dividing the ranks of the workers, giving aid and comfort to the anti-union employers.

Unite with the Trotskyites on May Day, tolerate them as speakers? One might as well invite Hitler, Mussolini and Hearst.

We agree with the Boston continuations committee: For a united front of all labor and progressive forces; for the unity of Socialists, Communists, trade unionists, farmers, small business and professional people, intellectuals.

Therefore: NO COMPROMISE WITH TROTSKYISM—NO TROTSKYIST SPEAKERS.

Merchant Marine

Of Soviet Union

Is Growing Fast

NEW YORK — Soviet Union merchant ships carried one-half of all cargoes exported during 1936, as compared to only one-third exports carried in Soviet ships in 1935, it was stated in an article in the New York Journal of Commerce.

All imported goods were brought to the Soviet Union in Soviet ships, which also carried about \$20,000 tons of foreign cargoes.

ANTI-DEPORTATION BILL

WASHINGTON — A bill preventing the deportation of political refugees has been introduced by Congressman Philip of Connecticut.

SF Negro Worker Fears Brother Lynch Victim

San Francisco.

Dear Editor: I just mailed the following letter to my father:

Rev. Ellis McDaniel, Welltown-Lumberton, Miss. Dear Father:

I sent you a telegram two weeks ago regarding that lynching in Mississippi of a boy called "Boojack" McDaniel. I wonder if he might be my brother Willie LeRoy, for we called him different names. As I have not received an answer, I have been very much upset.

Father, you know that lynching is a common occurrence in the South, and that they never trouble to get a Negro's name right. You know also, that they never trouble to get the right Negro when they wish to beat, hang, or tar and feather someone.

I hope this letter doesn't disturb you, but I am uneasy. I would not be uneasy if I thought that my brother had committed a crime and was being punished legally. But in the South, our people are constantly mistreated for no crime at all, or simply for thinking things which the Southern "gentlemen" dislike.

I am not writing more at this time because the thought that may have happened to my brother is too horrible. Please answer at once. Tell me that Willie LeRoy is all right, and give me news of the rest of the family.

As ever, your son,
Elouard Lucell McDaniel.

New Steel Lodge In East Bay

OAKLAND—Now 90 per cent organized, workers in the Judson Steel Co. plant here have elected temporary officers and applied for a charter in the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers through Patrick J. Ladd, field representative for the Steel Workers Organizing Committee.

Lodge officers elected were: George Foraker, president; Roy McClure, vice-president; Jack McCafferty, recording secretary; Lester Scrimger, financial secretary; Edward Zubiate, treasurer; Manuel Grace, guide; Jack Mart, inside guard; Eric Mulford, outside guard; and Jack Mart, A. A. journal agent.

PRESENTING ONE-MAN SHOW IN MEXICO CITY—ALL WRITTEN, DIRECTED, PRODUCED, BY LEON TROTSKY

ROCKFORD, ILL., PRESS

Recognition of the so-called trial of counter-revolutionary Leon Trotsky as a farce is made in two recent editorials in capitalist newspapers.

An editorial, "Fantastic Affair," in the Rockford, Ill., Register-Republic on April 12, says:

"The Trotsky affair becomes more and more fantastic with the investigation in Mexico by an 'impartial committee of inquiry' headed by the distinguished liberal, Dr. John Dewey. Ever since he was forced into exile, Mr. Trotsky has reiterated charges against the Soviet Union, claiming that it had framed him and had explored every possible method of degrading his name and reputation.

"On the occasion of several trials of alleged counter-revolutionaries and anti-Soviet conspirators, Mr. Trotsky has continued to protest that he had nothing to do with it all and that he had incontrovertible proof not only of his own lack of complicity but also of the innocence of the many men who have lost their lives as a result of the verdicts of these trials. This evidence Mr. Trotsky has consistently failed to produce, although the press of all the world is open to his slightest utterance.

JURY OF TROTSKYITES

"Now it seems he is to have an 'impartial' inquiry into his claims to innocence. True enough, the Soviet Union has declined to offer further evidence to refute Mr. Trotsky's claims of frame-up, but there is not a country in the world which could afford to answer the 'accusations' of a single individual when and where and how he pleases to have these accusations met.

"The committee of inquiry which has gone to Mexico to hear Mr. Trotsky's claims is comprised largely of Trotsky sympathizers. It appears that Trotsky will act as his own examiner, his own defender and prosecutor of the Soviet Union all at the same time. Albert Goldman of Chicago gives away the temper of the committee of inquiry when he says 'these men don't accept the charges against Mr. Trotsky.' It is hardly proper for an 'impartial' body such as the group which has gone to Mexico claims to be to take sides in a case in which they are supposed to sit in judgment.

"Mauritz Hallgren, editorial writer for the Baltimore Sun, resigned from the committee because he expressed it as his belief that the committee was more interested in propagating Trotsky's political philosophies than in getting at the truth of his guilt or innocence in the matter of counter-revolutionary plotting in Russia."

PROVIDENCE, R. I., PRESS

The Providence Evening Bulletin laughs at

the trial in an editorial on April 9. It fol-

The papers say that Comrade Trotsky is going to try himself Saturday on the charge of having conspired to overthrow the Soviet regime. He's to be prosecutor, chief witness, defendant, attorney for the defense, everything in short but judge, which seems to be an oversight. The world at large and the International Inquiry Commission are the judges.

Mr. Trotsky, for the prosecution: Ladies and gentlemen, I shall bring before you a perfectly innocent man, a patriot with a heart as big as all outdoors, a lover of animals and little children, a deep thinker and a beautiful soul which I shall lay bare in all its innoc.

Mr. Trotsky, for the defense: I object! Object! The prosecution is taking the words right out of my mouth. (Objection overruled.) Thank you.

Mr. Trotsky, for the prosecution: Call the first witness.

Mr. Trotsky, the first witness: Let me tell you this in my own simple way. Don't anybody interrupt. I have known the defendant, Trotsky, from the beginning, and in all that time he has never done anything that wasn't for the good of Rooshia. Everything that has been said against him is lies. Dirty lies. When Lenin is forgotten; when Stalin is no longer being remembered, the name of Leon Trotsky will shine in red ink from the pages of history.

Prosecution and Defense: "Ya-a-a-a-y! (They rush forward and shake Mr. Trotsky, the first witness, by the hand.)

Mr. Trotsky, for the prosecution: And now, Mr. Trotsky, will you kindly take the stand and tell the world how innocent you are. Spare yourself no detail.

Mr. Trotsky himself: Deus ex machina! where shall I begin? Rooshia I love. The Rooshians are as dear to me as my heart's valves. Stalin I love, though I bleed for him. I have said so in many, many letters to Izvestia, our beloved house organ.

Mr. Trotsky, for the prosecution: You haven't any of those letters at hand, Mr. Trotsky?

Mr. Trotsky himself: Alas, I have not.

Mr. Trotsky, for the prosecution: It is of no consequence.

Mr. Trotsky himself: The Moscow trial whose prejudiced, narrow-minded judges so unjustly condemned me was a frame-up.

Mr. Trotsky, for the prosecution: Hear! Hear! Mr. Trotsky himself: I was framed like Dreyfuss, impeached like Warren Hastings, shot like Lincoln without a chance to defend myself. Now my chance has come and I will make the most of it.

Mr. Trotsky, for the prosecution: Great! Great! (To Mr. Trotsky, the attorney for the defense): Your witness, Mr. Trotsky.

Secretary Perkins Planning More Conferences

WASHINGTON—More conferences appeared as the only result of the second conference between representatives of industry, labor and the public held at the request of Secretary of Labor Perkins.

Miss Perkins began the conferences in an attempt to formulate collective bargaining codes following the decision of the Supreme Court validating the National Labor Relations Act. Two conferences have been held and another will be staged shortly, according to Miss Perkins.

In talking with reporters at the conclusion of the second conference, Miss Perkins also expressed her opposition to amending the labor act. The recent constitution of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce here called for drastic revision of the measure.

Miss Perkins said that she was opposed to amending the act "until more experience with its operation was had or until evidence appeared that it worked injustices upon employers." She said that discussion of amendments was not broached during the conference.

Chairman J. Warren Madden of the National Labor Relations Board, was quoted as having explained to the industrial leaders at the conference that the board could not entertain complaints or petitions for election from employers because it might be deluged with requests for plant elections before organizers had an opportunity to talk to the workers.

Trotskyites "Tried" Trotsky in Mexico Farce

Who composed the hand-picked little band which recently went to Mexico City to play its part in the white-washing expedition organized by Trotsky? Who were they who played their farcical and poisonous roles, asking their master, Trotsky, the questions he produced in advance for them, hoping to conceal the shadow of the Nazi Swastika now indelibly stamped on his brow?

They are, according to their publicity, issued by the Trotskyites. Second, Goldman declared hopefully that "the results of the inquiry will penetrate into the Soviet Union," revealing, in this manner, that the objective of the "inquiry" is to continue the fomenting of counter-revolutionary plots with-

in the U.S.S.R. That John Dewey hastily disavowed this purpose of the inquiry does not change its character. It only confirms Dewey's astonishing ingenuity.

BENJAMIN STOLBERG, freelance journalist. This man has long had an unsavory career at the fringes of the American labor movement. His specialty has been to gather information or pseudo-information regarding the "radicals," and to sell this information to the capitalist press.

We have space to quote from only one of these stool-pigeon articles, but a very characteristic one. Having spent several months posing as a "radical" in labor circles, Stolberg emerged with a signed article in the New York Times, August 29, 1925, which is as contemptible a piece of stool-pigeonery as we know of. In this article, for a price, Stolberg dishes out a weird mixture of information and myth on "Bolshevism in the United States."

Stoolpigeon for Capitalist Press

Sneering at the "foreign-born" character of the Communist movement, Stolberg (ironically enough in the light of present events) attributed all the malevolent plottings of the Communists to the sinister influence of Zinoviev, one of the executed plotters Stolberg is now defending on this Trotskyite commission. Giving the press "secret" and lying information, Stolberg wrote: "Since 1922, the Communist International has had a resolute agent with the Workers Party whose word is law." Stolberg then proceeds to print names in the capitalist press in a typical stool-pigeon style.

He continues, in this article, to provide "evidence" for the Moscow gold fairy-tales of the police. Politely disagreeing with the estimate of the Department of Justice agents on the amount of Moscow gold, Stolberg spreads before the capitalist press his own "inside" version. "It is true, however, that the Communist International does supplement the American income of the

Workers Party . . . This writer knows definitely only of the sum of \$100,000 which Moscow contributed to the Workers Party during the last fiscal year.

There is no doubt that during the formative years of the "underground" period, from 1919 to 1921, some Russia money was used to consolidate the different revolutionary factions into the present Workers Party. Continuing his synthetic report to the capitalist press, Stolberg, joined in the hue and cry of the police aimed against William Z. Foster: "In 1921, Foster founded the T.U.U.L. whose official organ, the Labor Herald, had a large and mostly unpaid for circulation. Rather careful but indirect accounting enables one to estimate the probable subvention of the Communist movement in this country by the Communist International from 1919 to 1924 at about \$200,000, which might be raised by \$250,000 if we include the many trips taken to Moscow taken by American Communist leaders, often to settle very minor issues of policy."

Is not this Stolberg article in the very language and spirit of a police report for the red squad? This article became a source for every police agency in the country and for the professional red-baiters everywhere. From this stool-pigeonage in the press, Stolberg rapidly became a convert to Trotskyism with his own anti-Marxist embroideries thrown in for good measure. He has consistently drawn on Trotsky's writings for anti-labor and anti-Soviet attacks, culminating in a hysterical panegyric of praise for Trotsky's latest book in the liberal weekly, the Nation, this week, April 1937.

Is this the "impartial investigation?" Is this the spotless "reputation for integrity that cannot be challenged and which has no partisan commitments" in the Trotsky issue?

In Stolberg, Dewey has the assistance of a professional journalist, a stool-pigeon, reeking with Trotskyite and devious connections.

SUZANNE LAFOLLETTE, journalist. Strongly under the influence of Stolberg with whom she is closely allied. Has contributed many articles and reviews containing violent attacks against the Communist movement and the Soviet Union. A bitter and hysterical opponent of the People's Front in France and Spain as a result of her Trotskyite connections. Writing in the Nation for September 26, 1936, she launched a vitriolic attack against the Soviet Union's peace policy and the People's Front in France, writing in a typical Trotskyist snarl, that "the party line has zigzagged in the past ten years to suit the exigencies of Soviet diplomacy . . . Ever since Stalin came to power, Communist strat-

egy has been dominated by the obsession of 'Socialism in one country,' and hence, of course, revolution nowhere else."

Is anything more needed to prove Miss LaFollette's complete acquaintance with Trotskyite theory and her complete acceptance of its basic counter-revolutionary premises? Is this the inquirer "with no partisan commitments" whose "integrity cannot be challenged?"

OTTO RUEHLE, writer. This man is the author of a fantastically distorted life of Karl Marx, and now is an open follower of Trotskyism in Mexico City. He is the father-in-law of one Fritz Bach, a well-known Trotskyite who was expelled along with Diego Rivera, from the Communist Party in December, 1929. Ruehle gets his political line from Fritz Bach who refused to leave his post in the Mexican Government when called on to do so by the Communist Party of which he was a member when Guadalupe Rodriguez, Mexican labor leader, was murdered by pro-government reactionaries.

CARLETON BEALS, journalist. This man has been pursuing a career of facile political adventuring, changing his colors with ease as the occasion requires. Posing today as a friend of Mexican labor, he was the author of an adulatory article in 1930 so servile in praise of Dwight Morrow, Morgan partner whom Coolidge sent to Mexico as Ambassador, that Mexican liberal and labor opinion was scandalized. In this article, written at the same time that he was denouncing Morrow in other places, Beals praises not only the imperialist agent of the Morgans in Mexico but also the Mexican exile, Calles, who is now the leading fascist plotter against the Cardenas Government. In the New York Times of January 5, 1930, Beals wrote: "Morrow was well-equipped for his task. He had had a thorough legal training before entering the House of Morgan . . . Morrow attracted Calles by his sense of fair play, his spirit of justice, his knowledge and his strength. Calles attracted Morrow for his honesty, his directness, his determination and firmness of decision . . . Morrow has set an example of how the strong may use their power righteously in dealing with the weak."

The man who yesterday was the friend of the imperialist, Dwight Morrow, is today the friend and defender of Trotsky. (Beals has since resigned from the Trotskyite whitewash committee.)

Along with this group is the attorney, John F. Finerty, recently the defender of the convicted labor racketeers in the restaurant labor cases in New York City, and Carlo Tresca,

an anarcho-syndicalist, the sole member of the group who has had any connection at all with the labor movement. The publicity man for the whole adventure is Charles Walker, Trotskyite active in Minneapolis, allied with the Trotskyite Dunne Brothers whose recently published documentary evidence has linked them to the underworld in that city.

Such is the farcical "inquiry" directed by Trotskyites, pervaded with anti-Soviet venom, of which John Dewey has permitted himself to become chairman. The influence which the Trotskyites, Sidney Hook and Max Eastman, former pupils of Dewey, have on their old teacher is well-known. The influence which with Trotskyism, has on Dewey is also well known. Is that why Dewey revealed an emotional partiality by saying that "Trotsky has been sentenced to death in Moscow," when everyone knows that Trotsky has been indicted for capital crimes in Moscow for which he is afraid to face public trial?

Such are the reserves of Trotskyism, gangsters of the pen, whom Stalin pointed out as the main supporters of Trotsky's criminal plottings.

There is only one court that can try Trotsky, the proletarian court of the Soviet Union. The evidence has already buried him in guilt. It is standing in the dock of this proletarian Court, before the eyes of the world, that Trotsky must face his fate, if he has anything to add to the enormous evidence already adduced against him.

For the rest, nothing can conceal from intelligent people the damning fact that the inquiry commission is nothing but a continuation of the scheming against the Soviet Union, organized in this country by stool-pigeon journalists and liberal dupes.

APPROVE CIO PACT

CHICAGO — South Chicago Carnegie-Illinois steel workers have approved the CIO agreement signed with the company.

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LUCK, Poland—A trial here

has revealed how white guard Cossacks plotted with German Nazis to overthrow the Polish government. The revelations show how the Polish government, which has inclined toward the Hitler government in the latter's anti-Soviet plans, has actually been tricked and double-crossed by the Nazis.

Forty-four members of Unakor, the Ukrainian National (fascist white-guards) Cossack movement in the Wolhynia province, are being tried. The leader or ataman of the organization maintained headquarters in Munich, Germany. Propaganda leaflets in German and Ukrainian were imported from Germany. The Unakor collaborated with the Uon, a terrorist fascist organization in Eastern Galicia, Poland.

Sentences up to 8 years at hard labor were meted out.

The fake independence movement for Polish Ukraine which these fascists claimed to promote is not to be confused with the genuine demand of the Polish Ukrainian people for independence.

Reactionaries

Defeat Move to Dismiss Pomeroy

SACRAMENTO — Reactionary influence resulted in the Assembly refusing to pass a resolution sponsored by Assemblyman Ellis E. Patterson of King City, which called upon Gov. Merriam to dismiss state relief administrator Harold E. Pomeroy if he should continue to discharge relief administration employees engaged in lobbying activities.

Two SRA employees were fired by Pomeroy recently for this reason, but were reinstated, as it is their constitutional right to lobby.

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TELL STORY OF TOUSSAINT L'OUVRETURE

First of Four Articles
On Life of Great
Negro Liberator

By L. SMITH
(This is the first of four articles)

HOW a Negro, after having lived 50 years in slavery, set out to free his people from slavery, successfully conquered the best European armies with his own conscripted among Negro slaves, became governor-general of Santo Domingo and successfully organized an orderly political regime where the best European statesmen had failed, and was finally conquered—not by superior forces, but by deceit and treachery—this is the story of Toussaint L'Ouvreture, the most remarkable military leader the Negro race has ever produced, and one of the most extraordinary men of all times, white or black.

The best estimate of the real genius of Toussaint L'Ouvreture, and the extent of his contribution to the cause of Negro freedom, can be made when we understand the period in which he lived, the forces internal and external against which he had to fight, and the personal handicaps of birth and background which he had to overcome.

The combination of inhuman labor under conditions of slavery, and barbarous treatment from their European masters, succeeded in reducing the native population of Santo Domingo from an estimated 1,000,000, when Columbus landed there in 1492, to 60,000 in 1508. During the six years of Spanish rule from 1508 to 1514, the number had been still further reduced to 14,000. In order to supply the labor power necessary for the development of the island, the importation of Negro slaves from Portuguese settlements in West Africa was begun.

The division of Santo Domingo into a French portion and a Spanish portion, came about in 1697 when the Treaty of Ryswick was signed between France and Spain.

The French portion of the island began to enjoy almost immediately a period of prosperity. A tremendous trade in the exporting of sugar, tobacco, indigo, hard woods and coffee was begun. Les grands blancs, the great planters, lived inland on vast estates, management of which they left mainly to overseers. It was this group which engaged in a great deal of miscegenation resulting in the development of the "upper caste" mulattoes who played such a disastrous role in the island's later history. Then, there were the petits blancs, small tradesmen, artisans, clerks, and plantation employees, who were antagonistic to the grands blancs, but who detested more the mulattoes, many of whom were immensely wealthy. And in turn the grands blancs, the petits blancs, and the mulattoes all were united in their utter contempt for the Negro slaves.

A governor-general and an independent, both appointed by the King of France, ruled the political rulers of French Santo Domingo. They had supreme power in every department. Santo Domingo was divided into three great provinces, or departments. The north, most important and wealthy, had 24 parishes. The west had 19, and the south included only nine. Each of these had a commandant at its head, possessing despotic powers and responsible only to the governor.

By 1754 the population of the French colony had grown to 14,000 white inhabitants and 4,000 free mulattoes, and 200,000 Negro slaves. The material progress of the colony had increased considerably, and it was on the backs of the Negro slaves that all the material wealth of the colony rested.

Negroes from every corner of Africa had been brought into the colony by the thousands since the signing of the Treaty of Ryswick. Without the agonized efforts of these Negroes to whom daily floggings and inhuman tortures were part of the routine of their lives there would have been no sugar, tobacco, indigo or cotton plantations—none of the produce from which Santo Domingo obtained its wealth.

The contemporary recorders of the Santo Domingo of this period, like those of our own Southern United States, in citing the evidences of wealth, prosperity, productivity, the gayety of the towns and the extravagances of its ruling classes, neglected to mention those whose sweat and blood had built and maintained the prosperity of the island.

(To Be Continued)

U. S. WRITERS CONGRESS
NEW YORK—The League of American Writers announced a congress here June 4-6 to discuss problems in relation to U. S. and world events and to launch organization of writers throughout the country.

WESTERN WORKER FEATURES

"California Adventure"

By R. B.
HE was sixteen. His body was big, manly, but his face was the dirty, chubby one of a child. Like a child he tried to ape the mannerism of the hard-boiled cowboys he had met on the screen and in the wild-west magazines. We laughed at his loutish, goofy acting, at his once Mexican sombrero which he gaudy hat band and chin strap, now a grimy gray; at the filthy bandanna tied around his neck; at the big chew of tobacco that swelled in his cheek and dribbled down his chin. Sweat beaded his brow. He looked sick.

I felt that he would give everything he owned to be able to be alone, no longer to live apart, spit the damn cud out of his mouth, and end the misery he was in. We did not laugh aloud, because each of us had sometime or another believed that we were picked out for a career of heroism, glory, riches. Yes, here we were together in

a box-car riding through the desert, our illusions and dreams shattered; his soon to be. I went up to him and started a conversation. He, thankful of the opportunity to spit out the bitter tobacco, answered me. He was headed for Hollywood, going to act in the movies. He reckoned he'd make his pile and go back to Alabama, show the folks home a thing or two. Hell, of course he had no doubt of getting on. Wasn't he on a ranch in Texas for a month, and didn't he learn lots about how a cowboy does things? There was a Negro worked there, who made things easy for him, fed him snacks on the side, wised him up when the boys started to get too rough with him. Why, God-damn-it, he threatened to quit the job if some of the guys didn't quit their horsing around and foolishness around him. The train slowly pulled out as they were cracked up to be. That one wasn't.

The train came to a jolting stop. A couple of scenery punks rolled the door wide open to see how things looked. We were in Niland, Calif. The fireman was takin on water.

"Back! The bull!" We tensed against the sides of the car. Too late. We had been seen.

"All off, come on, move lively. Hey, you in the corner, come out before I take a shot at you." He clouted an old man who had tried to hide in the far corner of the car.

"Next time you'll do things pronto, and not act wise." "Now line up you guys on this bank and wait for me." He went over the train with a fine toothbrush until 24 of us were lined up on the bank. A few of us had started to walk away, but we quickly changed our minds when he fired his gun at us. The train slowly pulled out.

"You bastards, always make me have to clean this gun. Next time one of you bastards pulls

the smart alecky stunt he'll be carried back on a stretcher to slow music. Now face me, stand two feet apart. You foreign grease-bastard, don't you understand English. Take everything out of your pockets and put it at your feet, then take two steps back."

The kid from Alabama was the first to be searched.

"You God damn, snotty faced punk. Where do you think you're going? Didn't I tell you to take everything out of your pockets?"

Bam, biff, bang, and he slapped the kid's chubby face. It turned a dul red like an underdone beefsteak. The tears came to his eyes.

"Don't snivel, brat. Where'd you get this?" He held a gaudy, flashy looking revolver holster with a cleaning rod inside.

"Where's the gat?" "A cowboy gave it to you, and you're going to Hollywood to act in the movies. Well, if that ain't the richest yet." His

brutal, coarse laughter shook the desert air around us. "Do you know where you're going, you lousy punk? You're going to jail. Where'd you ditch the gat?"

The kid tried to defend himself against the avalanche of blows launched at him. His face became bloody, cut by a ring the bull was wearing. Some of us stepped forward to intercede. The gun flashed out.

"Listen you bastards, I got five bullets in here that's gonna find there way into your guts if you guys don't do what you're told. Stand back! You, punk, get over there and sit down."

He searched us, insulting and manhandling those who didn't cringe and whine, keeping up a running fire of abuse all the time. The fellows with money enough on them to buy a railroad ticket, he made them fork it over. The Mexicans and Negroes, he subjected to special

abuse. The Mexicans without citizenship papers he herded on one side with the kid from Alabama.

"You bozos, pack your junk together, and if you're not out of town in 15 minutes, I'll beat the — out of you and throw you in the can. Hit the highway for India. It's just 55 miles away. Walking is good for your health. Twenty-four workers in the power of this beast, bigger and stronger than any of us, well fed, with a gun and aching to use it. What could we do?"

We scattered and hid out in bushes. None of us were going to walk 55 miles in the desert to suit that "bull." A passenger train pulled in. The fellows who had bought tickets boarded it. A car drove up to the depot. The Mexicans and the kid were booted into it—off to jail where instead of becoming a movie "bad man," he would become a genuine one. The "bull" was still gone when we hopped the next freight that pulled in.

PEACE IS BEST POSSIBLE GIFT FOR MOTHERS

1937 "Mothers' Day"
Shows Many Sons
Killed in War

AND so it's "Mother's Day" again. So let's get out the Atlas and look over the world and think as we study the maps about the mothers of slaughtered youth in Spain! Italian mothers, German mothers, Ethiopian mothers; Chinese, Japanese mothers; mothers in Morocco; mothers in India too, all involved in the big war machine.

When does our turn come to have our sons and daughters poured into the bottomless pit of carnage? Our turn will come when the fascist powers choose to jerk the rope of "neutrality" which our government has slipped around our necks.

Which would you rather have on Mother's Day? A box of candy, a pink flower, a picture of Whistler's mother—or the Soviet plan for World Peace? With the war drums beating over all the world, the agony of women in child birth is articulated, and the torture cries of betrayed motherhood with ever increasing volume of sounds, strive to silence the war drums.

Hitler's plan for German girls—call for 337,000 of them to war activities. Mussolini sent supplies of women to Ethiopia for the entertainment of his army. The Soviet Union rehabilitates and creates happy women out of former prostitutes.

Three thousand Italian men lie dead today in Spain, where they were driven by their master class to fight their own class, the workers of Spain.

Three thousand men. These are listed, but the women who belong to the army and who gave these men, now dead, what of them? Where are they on Mother's Day? Does fascism list them?

Women's Fight for Peace
Because we women suffer so, all democratic countries, and the greatest defender of peace—the Soviet Union.

It must be our right and duty on this Mother's Day of 1937 to demand to have Peace in this world. But not "Peace" under guise of our American "neutrality" laws of today, when heroic women and men of democracy are considered equal to fascist murderers. But peace, a lasting peace, that will come only if women awaken and raise their voices for struggles against war and fascism, hand in hand with the women and men of—the Soviet Union.

Your Health

By F. E. BISSELL, M.D.
CONVULSIONS

Compton.

Dear Dr. Bissell:

My young daughter has had convulsions since she was three years of age. She has been under the care of many doctors and clinics, but a diagnosis has never been made as to the cause of her convulsions. We have practically drained ourselves of finances to give her this care. We were told that we were not eligible for county hospital care because my boy and I are working, but we do not make enough to give her the sort of care she should have.

E. D.
Answer: This case shows that it is not only the unemployed who do not receive proper medical care, but also employed workers, when extensive care or expensive operations are necessary. Under such circumstances, the only way left open is to bring pressure to bear on the county officials to grant an exception in that particular case.

You will be told that it is against the law for the county to furnish care to anyone except those completely without funds. However, this is not true. You should enlist the help of your union in bringing pressure to bear on the county hospital

to accept your daughter for a complete investigation. Please let me know about the progress on this case.

LEG SWELLING
San Bernardino.
Dear Dr. Bissell:
I have a friend whose right leg is enlarged about three times its natural size, except that the foot and knee are normal size.

Mrs. L. J. B.
Answer: It would be necessary for a doctor to examine your friend personally in order to determine the cause. If your friend can not afford a private doctor, she should be examined at the County Clinic. Have the doctor write down the diagnosis and his treatment, and send this to me, so that I can determine if she is receiving sufficient attention.

SEEING RED

BY MICHAEL QUIN

I GUESS I owe an explanation here. A few issues ago I began a series of columns devoted to exposing the faker Michael Casey, president of the Teamsters' Union. A bit of confusion occurred, the installments didn't follow each other right, and, in the meantime, my subject, Michael Casey, died from under me.

I was trying to show the rank and file teamsters why they should kick Casey out of the union. I don't know whether I convinced them or not, but, under the circumstances, religious people might think I convinced God Almighty.

Be that as it may, much as I thought Casey should have been booted out of the union, I regard his death as a sad business. It was sad, because what was the object of all his faking? Now he's dead. A handful of gold, a few good cigars, a flattering (maybe he thought it was flattery) intimacy with the big shots of the Industrial Association—and now he's dead.

I think it's a healthy thought for men to carry with them the realization that some day they are going to lie in a grave and rot, because it might improve their sense of values while they are living.

A man in Casey's position might have done a lot. Trade unionists are bound to describe their goal as higher wages, shorter hours, good agreements, solidarity, 100 per cent unionism, etc. Communists describe their aim as socialization, means of production, eliminating the contradictions of capitalism, and other more or less technical phrases. But I hope we don't lose sight of the real goal which all of us have in common.

That is, healthy, well-fed kids, education and opportunity for all, no more hungry men wandering the streets, the chance for young men to live clean and natural lives and follow interesting careers without getting tangled up in a network of greed, graft and special privilege, the chance for people to marry and have homes and children without being ground down by drudgery, poverty and worry, the chance for us to live like comrades and fellow workers, instead of like animals tearing at each other's throats and preying on each other. We want to wipe out prostitution, syphilis, tuberculosis, poverty, hunger and greed. And we know they can be wiped out.

It may be a long way off, but at least it is something for a man to die pointed in his chosen direction. It is something worth working for, and making sacrifices for. John Davidson, a British poet, put it to "Die facing forward, fighting on the deck."

Davidson went through the bitter misery of the London slums and described it: "Perhaps we are in Hell."

For all that I can tell, And lost, and damned, and served up hot to God."

It is worth something to die fighting to do away with such conditions. And you don't have to go to London to find them. They are plentiful enough right here in San Francisco.

But how did Casey die? Looking after "number one." He knew which side his bread was buttered on. But what about the other fellow's bread?

President of one of the biggest unions in the city, Casey might have done fine things before his spirit let go of his bones. He might have died leaving thousands of people regretting his loss.

Instead of that, when I heard of his demise, I was riding on a cable car. The newsboy rushed up and thrust the headlines before my eyes. The gripman read them over my shoulder. "Good riddance!" he said. The newsboy replied with a toothless grin. "Good news, eh?"

I kind of made me sick. They were so damned right.

Now there's still McLaughlin in the Teamsters' Union—Casey's old pal. I wonder what they'll say when—

Well, "the mills of the Gods grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly small."

Long Live the Republic. Their Slogan



MADRID STUDENTS held a demonstration in which they pledge support to the Spanish People's Front government in the fight on fascism.

Pick 'n' Shovel Poems

Question

By REB. RANEY

When you go out to work,

Do you ever think of this:

What makes a day of pain?

What makes a day of bliss?

When you perform your tasks,

Do you ever think of flight?

What makes a man rebel?

What makes him dare to fight?

When you receive a kick,

Do you yearn to right a wrong?

What makes a person weak?

What makes an army strong?

When you return from work,

Do you pout, or do you grin?

What makes a unit lose?

What makes MASSED units win?

California A Working Class History By Ned Dahl

AFTER California became a part of the United States, Mexican institutions still remained in a number of instances. The most striking instance of this was the alcalde appointments made by Commodore Stockton.

One of his appointees, who served for three years as alcalde at Monterey, was the Rev. Walter Colton, who described his duties as follows: "By the laws and usages of the country, the judicial functions of the Alcalde of Monterey extend to all cases, civil and criminal, arising within the middle department of California. He is also the guardian of the public peace, and is charged with the maintenance of law and order, whenever and wherever threatened, or violated; he must arrest, fine, imprison or sentence to the public works, the lawless and refractory, and he must en-

force, through his executive powers, the decisions and sentences which he has pronounced in his judicial capacity.

"His prerogatives and official duties extend over all the multiplied interests and concerns of his department, and reach to every grievance and crime, from the jar that trembles around the domestic hearth, to the guilt which throws its gloom on the gallows and the grave."

But the American population of California was accustomed to democratic rights and liberties, and vigorously criticized the arbitrary powers given to the alcaldes, demanding the jury system of trial and the constitutional limitation of authority.

Only in those communities like Monterey, where the Americans were a small minority of the population, were the Mexican laws ever applied. Put into effect in other sections, they were

quickly disposed of by the strong opposition against them.

In San Francisco government was lodged for a time in the hands of an alcalde and apuntamiento, or town council, but the American settlers took matters into their own hands. After a period in which two rival councils each claimed to be legally elected, the settlers set up a legislative assembly, new to both American and Spanish law. Consisting of 15 members elected by popular vote, this assembly sought to abolish the former ayuntamiento and alcalde, and with three justices of the peace, exercise all city government functions. The members of the two rival councils resigned; but the alcalde, T.M. Leavenworth, refused to recognize the assembly and appealed to Gen. Smith, military commander, and Gov. Riley, who held office under federal appointment.

(To Be Continued)

Life of Toussaint L'Ouvreture—
Film Reviews—California History

A Short Story

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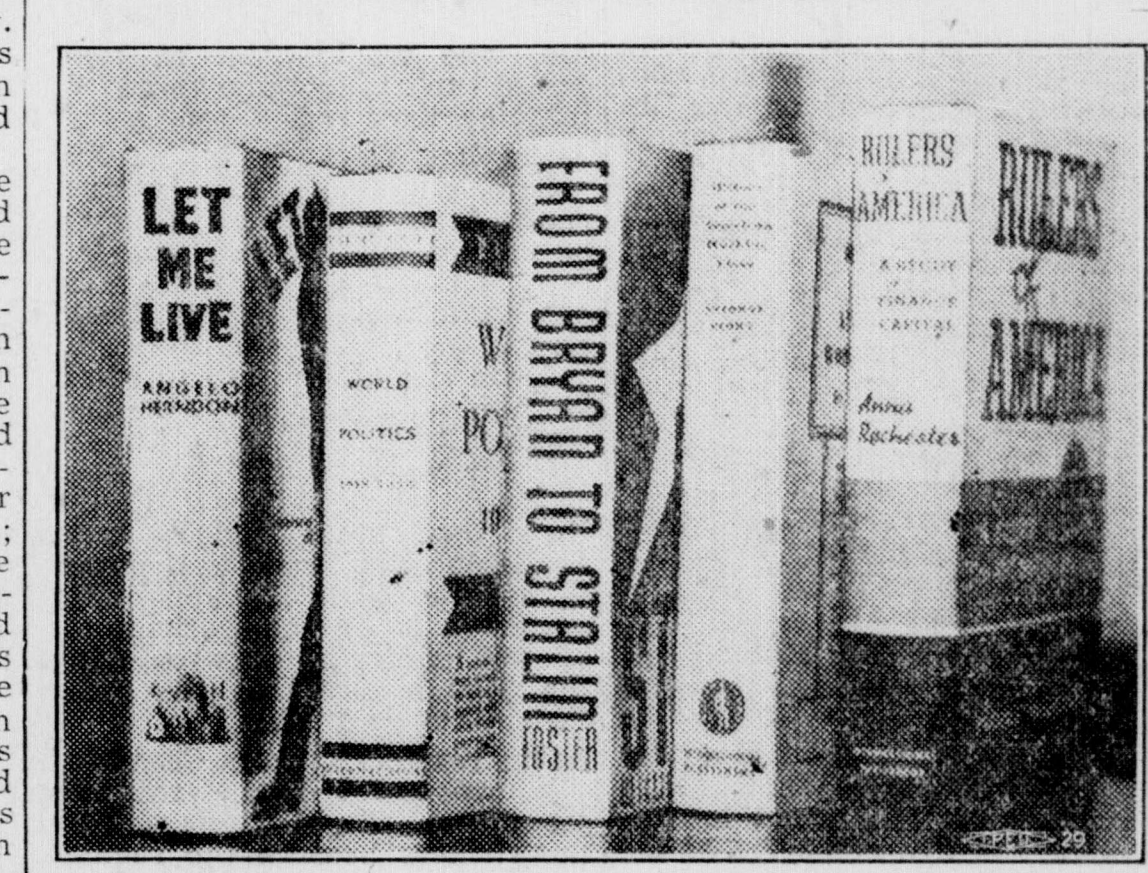
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- 2—Eugene Pottier, a French worker. He died Nov. 7, 1887.
- 3—John Bronhy.
- 4—John T. Bernard of Minnesota.
- 5—Farmer-Labor Party.

A Special Page of Trade Union News, Developments and Features

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BIG PLANTATION STRIKE ON HAWAIIAN ISLAND GROWS AS WORKERS FIRM FOR DEMANDS

Vibora Luviminda, Union Organization, to Call Out Other Camps on Islands of Maui in Support if Necessary

By WILLIAM BAILEY

WAIKUPU, Maui, T. H.—With growing fear the plantation strike in progress since April 22 might develop into a general strike of all plantation workers on all Maui plantations, field managers asked the men to return to work with a slight wage increase.

However, when Camps 2 and 3 workers saw this raise only affected them, leaving out Camp 5, they flatly refused the offer. "We'll all go back together," said strike leaders.

Newspaper Lies

Local newspapers, controlled by the sugar bosses, have been denying effectiveness of the strike, claiming operations are normal, when all sugar mills have been closed down by the strike. Newspapers blame "a few agitators" in the ranks of Hawaiian Sugar and Commercial Co. workers.

The strike developed when the field manager refused an increase in wages demanded, due to the cane being so thick and hard to cut. The strike first centered around workers of Camp 5, and 3; shortly after the walk-out, Camp 5 workers of the same company (Alexander and Baldwin, Ltd.) walked out.

Uniform Demands

The workers got together and drew up a uniform set of demands—higher wages for work on the thick cane, a minimum wage for work on thin cane; discharge of the five Lunas (Lunas—similar to the stoop pigeons in the U. S.).

Very noticeable in the flock of duty officers have already been sworn in by the sugar bosses. These men ride around on horseback, armed with a high-powered rifle, revolver and a club. The police set up a tent on the plantation grounds, no doubt with plenty of tear gas.

Hana Workers Support Strike

At a mass meeting in Hana, a plantation town on the other end of the island, 600 workers seemed ready to strike in sympathy with the Puuene strikers. However, Antonio Fagel, president of the strike organization, told them it was not advisable to strike at this time, but to render financial assistance to the strike now in progress; and that if this strike is not settled soon, he would ask the workers to come out camp after camp, in support.

Strikers wrote the Alexander and Baldwin Co. president, demanding company officials meet with the strikers' negotiating committee to work out a settlement.

Lunas Cheated Workers

The workers are not only fighting for higher wages, but also want dismissal of five lunas, who have been cheating them in the daily recordings of their earnings.

Fagel called upon the head man who takes care of the Territorial Bldg. in Waikupū to secure the hall for a strike meeting. The head man refused, after he heard the Vibora Luviminda wanted it.

The next day a delegation of 50 strikers told him if the strikers are to hold their meetings out in the road, there is a possibility violence might be provoked by company rats.

Directors Are Bosses

Calmes told them the board of directors told him no strikers were allowed to hold meetings in the building. When asked who the directors were, he answered, the five managers of the big plantations.

Camp bosses are breaking into workers' lockers, taking out their union books and destroying them. Camp 2 manager handed the three camp leaders a written dismissal, telling them their services were no longer required and to get off the plantation immediately.

Wide Solidarity

Strikers filed charges with the sheriff against the bosses coming into the workers' shacks and destroying their personal belongings. So far no arrests have been made.

Union men in the Honolulu Longshoremen's Assn. and Marine Firemen's Union have sent telegrams of greetings and solidarity to the strikers; Hilo longshoremen have appealed for funds for the strikers.

Groups of strikers demanded they be sent home to the Philippines where they were recruited from by the sugar bosses. A letter was sent to the Governor in Honolulu, demanding he intervene and force the company to settle this strike, so far without answer.

Workers Militant and Firm

At a meeting where more than 800 workers attended, one of the Filipino workers asked: "Would you go back to work if the boss asked you, without an increase in wages or without the st of the demands being won?" Every worker shouted: "No!"

PROVE SALINAS SELL-OUT MADE BY VANDELEUR

Atty. Aram Tells of Plot With Bosses In '36 Strike

SALINAS—A deliberate plan by Edward Vandeleur, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, and Alfred Aram, San Jose attorney, to sell out the striking Fruit & Vegetable Workers Union, Local 18,211, last fall, was revealed here where the Grower-Shopper Assn. is being tried on unfair labor tactics before the National Labor Relations Board.

How Vandeleur Sold Out Aram, who was paid \$3200 out of funds donated by trade unions for the Salinas strikers, was driven into making sensational admissions on cross-examination, and let the cat out of the bag. He was compelled to describe how Vandeleur plotted with representatives of the shippers to "put heat" on the union and force acceptance of their sell-out proposal.

The testimony revealed Vandeleur and Aram urged the union membership to accept a settlement which would have denied union recognition and given the shippers a free hand to blacklist active strikers as "trouble-makers." Militant pickets were to be fired, and no reasons given.

They Plotted With Bosses When the union membership overwhelmingly turned down this sell-out, Vandeleur and Aram met secretly the following day with representatives of the Citizens' Assn., publicity front for the shippers.

It was agreed Aram should be sent out of Salinas for five days, leaving the union without a lawyer to defend the 60 strikers who were facing trial. It was felt that, in this way, heat could be put on the rank-and-file, who would then be compelled to take any kind of settlement offered.

Aram Let Workers Rot in Jail Squirming in his witness chair, Aram was forced to admit he carried out the plan and left town, leaving the workers without an attorney for the agreed time.

Aram also was forced to admit he ran around for two days looking for "Judge King" to set bail for workers who had been arrested, when he knew all the time that other judges were available who had the power to set the bail. He apparently preferred to let the workers rot in jail while he was enjoying \$100 a day that the State Federation paid him.

Aram Wanted Strikers Convicted It was proved the shippers set up an illegal court to try the strikers because the regular judge was not handing out stiff sentences. Aram could have prevented the illegal court from trying the strikers by a simple writ of habeas corpus, but he testified that he wanted to let them go to trial and get convicted.

"I figured it would be smarter to let the men get convicted," he said, "and then try to get the cases reversed on appeal."

In the meantime, of course, the union men and women would be serving jail sentences, but this apparently caused Aram no concern at all.

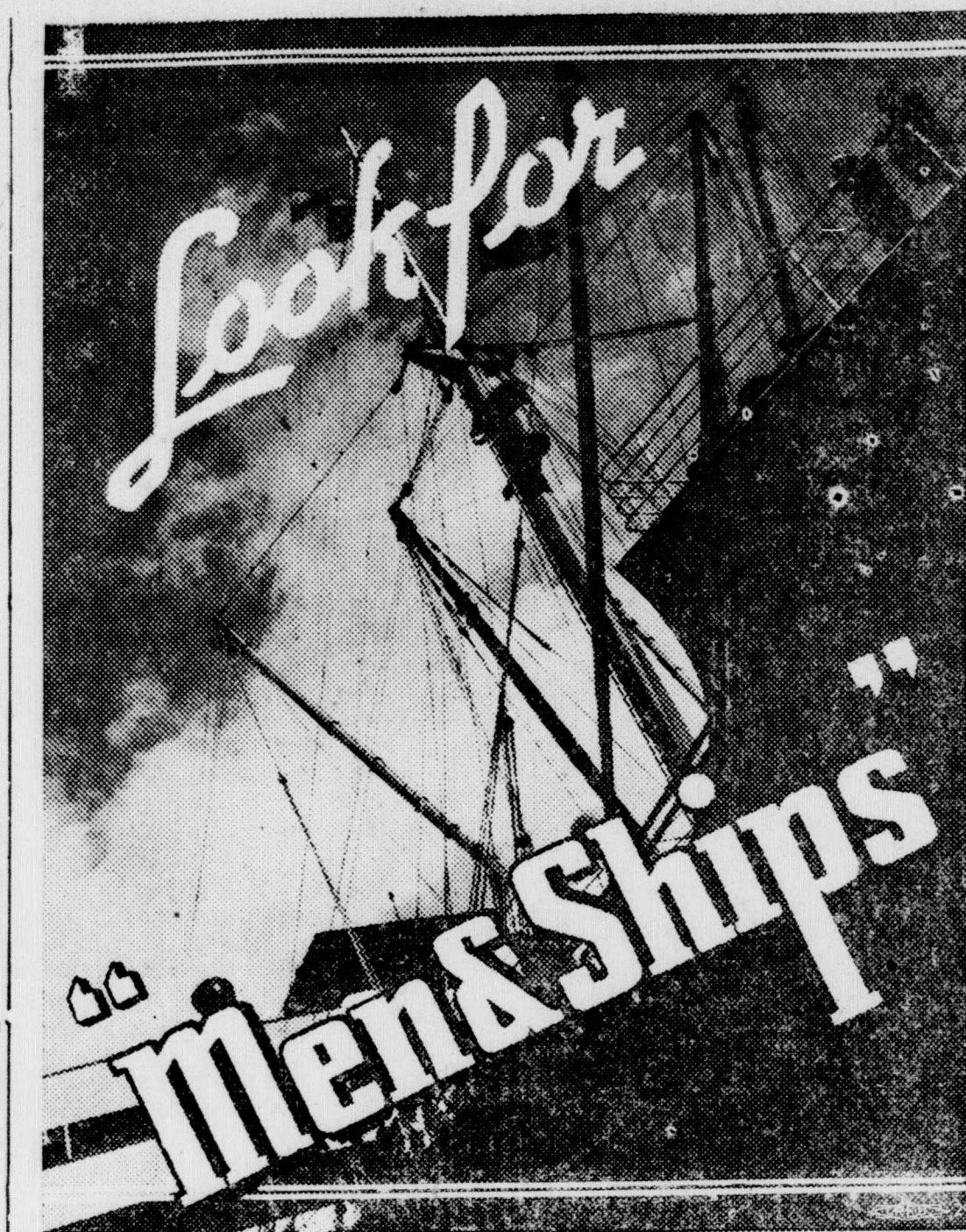
We will sooner eat dirt than return back to work without winning our demands."

Some shouted they will stay out for five years if necessary, rather than crawl back on their knees.

Send Solidarity Greetings!

It is expected the cane growers will join the strike, bringing the total to 1800 strikers. All the workers were brought from the Philippines to work for \$1.05 per day as field laborers. Vibora Luviminda has just started organization on the islands. This is its first strike.

Workers are urged to send telegrams of greetings and support to the strikers, encouraging them to carry on the fight. Send them to Antonio Fagel, Vibora Luviminda, Pili St., Wailuku, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.



"Men and Ships" Off Press Soon

SAN FRANCISCO—Conrad, Melville, Jack London and old man Hakiyut will have to move over on the library shelf pretty soon and make room for a new kind of seafaring book that will put most of them to shame.

The Pacific Coast Maritime Unions are producing a book called "Men and Ships" that not only will establish a new high in union publicity, but will provide the public with a permanent and valuable addition to libraries.

Order Your Copy Now It consists entirely of photographs which tell the story of maritime struggles from 1934 to date, and "will dramatically depict actual working conditions of men in all departments aboard ships, below and above deck, their brothers who labor on the docks and other workers allied with the Federation."

After months of careful, patient work, the book is nearing completion and should be on the market in about 30 days. If it proves successful, the Maritime Federation intends to issue it regularly as a quarterly. The price is 50 cents per copy, and while people are getting their orders in early to Bay Area District Council No. 2, Maritime Federation of the Pacific, Room 506, 112 Market St.

SS Mexican Crew Votes Spain Aid

Support to the Spanish people's fight against invading fascism, was pledged by the crew of the S.S. Mexican, in the following resolution adopted at sea:

Whereas: The Spanish Republic has been brutally assaulted by German and Italian fascists, working hand in hand with a group of traitors and generals for the destruction of the Spanish Republic, and

Whereas: The aim of the Spanish fascists is to destroy democracy, destroy labor and establish on the ashes of the Republic the black tyrants of the Bourbon monarchy, therefore be it

Resolved: By the crew of the S. S. Mexican that we pledge our support to the people of Spain, and further

Resolved: That we pledge \$20 to be sent to the Spanish people as a token of our admiration for their heroism, and finally

Resolved: That we give this publicity in the Voice of the Federation and Pilot so that all may know that maritime labor looks forward to a victory of the Republic over the mercenaries of fascism.

M.S. by Sandel and Walker that we adopt this resolution and that a committee of three be elected to make the collection. Motion carried.

The Committee consists of: WALKER, S.U.P. WADE, M.F.O.W.&W. GARLAND, M.C.S. Respectfully, HARRY RUBIN, No. 1171, Secretary.

URGE UNIONS FIGHT ANTI-LABOR BILL

SACRAMENTO—Trade unions and pro-labor organizations were urged to write immediately their respective assemblymen, demanding they oppose the Garri-son bill (S.B. 1118), which would compel unions to ballot secretly both on calling of strikes and settling of labor disputes, following passage of the bill by the State Senate.

SAFETY RULES LACK KILLED ILA MEMBER

ILA 38-79 Fighting For Safety Rules In Agreement

SAN FRANCISCO—J. DeSilva, longshoreman who met death Friday, April 30, when he fell down an open hatch aboard the American-Hawaiian S.S. Iowan, would not have lost his life if hatches had been properly covered up when the work was finished, states a press release from ILA 38-79.

"It is significant to note in this case," states the release "that while the top hatch was covered, the shelter and 'tween hatches were open and the wings of the shelter deck not hooked or roped off. To cover the lower hatches must have taken a few minutes longer; however, as usual, it was not done, and so a man lost his life."

54 Deaths on Ships in 1936! The release points out that in 1936, accidents for longshoremen on ships alone numbered 10,775, of which 54 were fatal. These cases are listed by the U.S. Compensation Commission and cover only workers who were off work a week or more.

In the San Francisco area, there have been three fatalities within the past five weeks. "However, it is strange that the shipowners still refuse to make the safety rules a part of their agreement," states ILA 38-79.

Shipowners Block Safety "These safety rules were compiled by the shipowners themselves over a period of years, and supposedly have been the rules under which we have worked. The shipowners were most generous in making these rules and regulations as long as we had no means of enforcing them."

"Now that we have a strong union to enforce the rules, the shipowners are doing their damndest to avoid making them a part of the agreement."

"Perhaps if the shipowners would live up to their responsibility under the safety rules, they would not be afraid to allow the ILA to take pictures of the scene of accidents as happened at the time of Brother DeSilva's death on the American-Hawaiian Dock."

It Took Strike Threat "It actually took a threat of a complete tie-up of all American-Hawaiian ships in order that the ILA be allowed to take photographs, and then only after two company lawyers had appeared on the scene."

ILA dock and gang stewards are recommending to the general membership that a complete record of accidents and sicknesses of members be kept by the union officials, that gang bosses reporting all accidents to union officials, and that the motion picture to purchase a camera, with which to take pictures of all accidents, be carried out.

SACTO. BAKERY WORKERS TAKE 30-DAY TRUCE

SACRAMENTO—Negotiations for a permanent agreement for bakery workers are going on here during a 30-day truce, which halted a possible strike of 300 workers. The members of Bakery Workers Union Local 85, voted 15-1 against the scale offered by the employers, but did not walk out when the truce was agreed to.

Temporary schedule calls for \$41.50 per week for foremen; \$39.50 for dough mixers; \$37.50 for machine bench hands; helpers, \$27; apprentices from \$25 to \$34. Machine shop employees will work 36 hours, and all other workers will work 40 hours a week. Any permanent contract accepted will be retroactive to May 1.

CLERKS' UNION OROVILLE, GETS A. F. L. CHARTER

OROVILLE, Butte County — Local No. 1134, Retail Clerks International Protective Assn., has received its AFL charter here, announced M. M. Black, organizer. Black said 12 Oroville unions have applied for charters, and that when all charters have been received, a Central Labor Council will be formed.

Business Agent Bob Says . .

When you hear the Liberty Leaguers express themselves on sitdown strikes, you get a good idea how King George the Third felt about the Boston Tea Party. Only, the sitdown strikes are no tea parties. They mean business, and not monkey business.

Tintypes

If they ever called a real disarmament conference, they'd have to include Joseph P. Ryan. If Joe went into the army, the artillery would be his favorite corps. Joe knows he'd never be a "big gun" without the use of plenty of big guns and we mean hardware.

They say the G-men once mistook him for Al Capone. Joe laughed when the papers called the Dionne quintuplets an unusual event. He knew an event even more unusual—he once actually called an ILA membership meeting.

Joe didn't believe the boys ought to be kept away from their wives and kiddies—so he adjourned the meeting in five minutes.

FILM WORKER IN WARNING ON SCABBING

Break Stranglehold Of Pres. Brown, He Urges

By an IATSE Member HOLLYWOOD — Are we IATSE (Intl. Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees) dues payers going to permit Brown to make of us the Judas of the 1937 strike, just like the IBEW (Intl. Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) was the 1933 Judas? Have we forgotten how horrible the thought is of a union scabbing on another union?

President Brown refuses to give us local autonomy. The producers want Brown to bring under his wing the painters, the laborers, in fact, all the crafts who have dared to raise a voice. Once under Brown, all local autonomy will disappear.

Brown Can't Break Strike Mark our word, Brown's next move will be to sabotage the strike. He will order 37 and the rest of the IATSE locals to issue membership cards, without initiation fee, to those willing to scab as respectable union members.

However, his lousy tactics will not wreck the strike; on the contrary, it will raise such a stink among the hardy old IATSE members, and all true unionists in the motion picture industry, that in a desperate effort they will break the stranglehold of the producers and Brown.

The IATSE is a grand organization, just like our country's Constitution is a great document; but like our Constitution, our IATSE is in the hands of the exploiters who dare to tell us what to do and not to do, without giving us the chance to decide for ourselves.

Call IATSE Mass Meeting By all means let us keep the IATSE in the studios; but let us keep it clean and honest and for ourselves and not for the producers. This can be accomplished by calling an IATSE mass meeting to decide upon immediate local autonomy.

Local 37's White Rats, with a membership of nearly 1000 members, and increasing by leaps and bounds, are already working for local autonomy, and, although we Communists are not altogether in sympathy with some of their aspirations, we truly support them in their efforts at local autonomy.

For those who do not know the origin of the White Rats, the name has an honorable union tradition. Years ago union stage actors called themselves White Rats in opposition to the scab rats of the times.

The White Rats then, with nearly twenty-five per cent of the IATSE studio workers, are the spearhead for immediate local autonomy.

MOJAVE MINERS ARE RUSHING TO JOIN CIO UNION

BAKERSFIELD — The Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers Union is making fine headway in Mojave, it was reported at the Central Labor Council here by Delegates John Penigley, Lee Payne and R. E. Bridges. Recently 29 new members were initiated.

Mine owners recently granted a 50 cents a day wage increase, and vacations with pay.

Union organization is sweeping over the Mojave region like wild fire, and now the cement workers are asking to come into the ranks. The delegates reported even 120 dairymen are asking to come into the CIO union.

MUSICIANS IN YUBA WALKOUT

MARYSVILLE, Yuba County — Denied the union pay scale, four musicians walked out of the Rendezvous, local night club, on Saturday night, May 1. Other night clubs here are paying the scale.

85 PER CENT OF WEST COAST WORKERS FOR CIO, DECLARES DALRYMPLE. CITES CIO GAINS

California Steel Organization Told by CIO Representative; Urges Union-mindedness in Politics

LOS ANGELES—"From British Columbia down the line to San Diego, 85 per cent of the workers would be for the CIO if it were put to a vote!"

That was how William Dalrymple, west coast representative of the Committee for Industrial Organization, described the response that is meeting the CIO, when he was interviewed by a Western Worker correspondent.

Workers Eager to Organize "Opposition?" he exclaimed, when asked if the CIO were running up against any in California. "Why, there's no opposition at all—it's just a question of getting to the fellows."

The main object of the CIO on the west coast, he said, "is to organize the mass production plants on an industrial basis. And there's a big field for it, too. There's thousands of workers who are unorganized."

Biggest gains, so far, of the CIO here have been among steel workers. In companies such as Continental Can and American Can, and in the steel industry, workers are being organized into the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel, and Tin Workers.

New A. A. Lodges

In Torrance, the union has a lodge in Columbia Steel, with almost 100 per cent membership. A contract has been signed, and, through arguments reached by the east, workers have received a 10 cents per hour raise in wages, and time and a half for overtime. In Pittsburg, California, a lodge has also been established and a contract signed.

According to Dalrymple, CIO organization in the auto industry in Southern California is coming along pretty rapidly, and wonderful gains have been made in rubber.

Asked how CIO gains here compare with those in the east, Dalrymple replied:

"Considering the opposition the men have had in organizing, we have made wonderful strides in the past few months. The men are getting better organized, the flat glass workers, and the steel workers in the east."

Over 300,000 in Steel Union "Steel organization has jumped from a membership last year of about 4000 to over 300,000. Workers are joining by the hundreds. Each day from 25 to 100 application cards are turned in."

Mass meetings are being held up and down the coast. At a meeting in Armenian Hall, Belvedere, he pointed out, a local of Continental Can Co. workers was established, with close to 500 workers in attendance. Officers were elected, and a charter sent for.

Labor and Politics

The CIO works on a non-partisan basis, Dalrymple declared. "However," he went on, "I think that while the men are organizing for economic protection, they should become union-minded in politics, too. They ought to relegate these open-shop politicians back where they came from and send some real union men to the government."

On the subject of sit-down strikes, Dalrymple was emphatic and clear. "When you get results without committing violence, it's worth the best interests of all."

Wall Street Sat Down

"There's been a lot of sit-down from the big industrial magnates. They sat down on the Wagner Labor Relations Act, they sat down on the NRA. They've sat down on everything that might have given the working man a better life as far as wages and working conditions were concerned."

"It's an ideal way to get adjustments when you have an element who pays no attention to the laws of the land. It is a big step forward in labor tactics."

The relationship of the CIO to the AFL is "pretty far-fetched at the present time," he said.

For Unity

Emphatically he pointed out that the "CIO at no time has attempted to break up the AFL. But I can't say that of the AFL. The CIO at no time has ever advised its members to go through picket lines. Yet the AFL through its representatives has done that. I have always been of the opinion that the CIO should maintain unity in the labor movement."

Dalrymple declares, "there is no question about the AFL membership being sympathetic to the CIO."

When asked if the CIO had received any assistance from the State Federation of Labor in California, he exploded: "None! Positively! Instead, there has been a continual tirade of abuse from its representative (Vandeleur)."

Complete and enthusiastic support for the proposed Supreme Court changes was given by Dalrymple.

Workers for Curbing '9 Old

"At every meeting we attend, we are advising all who are present to take a vote and go on record in support of the President in his efforts to re-camp the Supreme Court and to wire him to that effect; also to send wires to the two Senators, Johnson and McAdoo, requesting them to get behind the President and lend all their efforts to make it possible for him to get the results he started out for."

"This resolution has been passed at 10 or more mass meetings I have attended since February 20."

Unions Endorse

Among the organizations on record supporting the Supreme Court changes, Dalrymple listed the Continental Can local, the Torrance Steel Mill lodge, Oil Workers, Long Beach; Oil Workers, Norwalk; West Electric Employees, Belvedere; Steel Workers, Pittsburg; United Electric Radio organization in San Francisco, and its lodges throughout its jurisdiction.

"The rank and file is unanimous for it, and I think that the votes for it speak the sentiment of the working man," he said.

"Last February 21, in Long View, Washington, 731 delegates at a Timber Workers convention, representing more than 73,000 members, went on record unanimously for it."

He's No Red-Baiter Answering the question, "How do you think the Communist Party can help in the work?" Dalrymple said:

"Well, this is the way I look at it. I see a Communist working in a plant and I know the boss is getting profits out of his muscle, so why shouldn't he be organized to get his economic demands?"

"Their cooperation looks like any other man's to me. I have no objections to a man's political faith."

Many Filipinos Are Unionists

PISMO BEACH — Some 7000 Filipino workers on the Pacific Coast are unionists, according to a preliminary report by the Central Executive Committee of the Filipino Labor Union.

Most of these are agricultural workers, the report stated. The FLU, organized in Salinas in 1934, reached a peak of 5000 members.

The report stated the decline of membership among the agricultural workers is due to the migratory nature of the work, and lack of organizational funds and a systematic form of a state-wide organization.

Urged Help in Survey All Filipino workers who are members of any union are asked to communicate with the Filipino Labor Union, P. O. Box 932, Pismo Beach, California, care of C. D. Mensalvas, general secretary, in order to help the survey.

The survey is planned "to obtain the cooperation and understanding of all Filipino union men, with the view to consolidating their ranks, which is the most effective means of bringing the Filipinos together in the solution of their problems, not only their national problems as well."

NEW OFFICES IN L. A. FOR STEEL UNION

LOS ANGELES—New offices have been set up here by William Dalrymple, western representative of the CIO and field director of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, at Room 337, San Fernando Bldg.

Dalrymple announced a 30-day extension until June 1 for taking workers into the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, without payment of initiation fees.

"The steel workers of California have not had the same opportunity to join as those in the East," he said.

Three new steel union lodges have received their charters taking in workers in Emco Derrick and Equipment Co., General Metals Co., Concrete Engineering, Soule Steel, Truscon Steel, and American Can Co.